**Series: Kinda Different**

**Today: A Different View of Trouble**

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1. **Trouble is both inevitable and purposeful.**

***James 1:2-4***

*2Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

* **Empathetic**
* **Undeserved**
* **Self-inflicted**
* **Disciplinary**

***Hebrews 12:7, 11***

*7Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?*

*11No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

* **Missional**
* **Mysterious**

1. **Trouble is an opportunity for grace to shine through you.**

"Grace is God acting in our lives to bring about what we do not deserve and cannot accomplish on our own." – Dallas Willard

***2 Corinthians 7:7-10***

*Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.*

*9But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*

*10That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

***How can I grow in Christ?***

***What can I learn?***

***What does this make possible?***

***Who can I uniquely serve?***

***2 Corinthians 1:3-4***

*3Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*

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***Romans 8:28***

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, whohave been called according to his purpose.*