

## SERMON NOTES: *It's A Matter Of Focus!*

I. INTRODUCTION: Navigating through turbulent times requires **Focus!**

- A. Economic Turbulence:
- B. Social Turbulence:
- C. World Powers Turbulence:
- D. Spiritual Turbulence:

II. Three Points Of Focus To Navigate Through Turbulent Times:

A. Focus on our \_\_\_\_\_! **Psalm 46:1**

1. What is a refuge?
  - a) Literally: a shelter from rain, storm, or danger.
  - b) Our refuge is not a place, a thing, a political party – it is a person! \_\_\_\_\_!
2. God is very present, or \_\_\_\_\_ able to help – in time of need: Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15-16; James 1:5
3. God is the only \_\_\_\_\_ source of help and shelter during turbulent times! I Corinthians 13:8-10; Psalms 20:7; Malachi 3:6

4. God as our refuge will free us from living in \_\_\_\_\_! II Timothy 1:7; **Psalm 46:2-3**

B. Focus on our \_\_\_\_\_! **Psalm 46:1**

1. Our source of strength is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: **Psalm 46:4-6**; Revelation 21:6; 22:1; Ezekiel 47:1-12
2. God establishes His rule in our lives as we learn to \_\_\_\_\_ in His presence: Psalm 22:3-5; John 4:14; 23-24.

3. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is God's \_\_\_\_\_ of His protection and provision in our lives! **Psalm 46:7**; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:16; Romans 8:31

C. Focus on our \_\_\_\_\_!

1. Review the works of the Lord: **Psalm 46:8-9**
  - a) I John 3:8: He has destroyed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil.
  - b) I Corinthians 15:55-58: He has destroyed the power of \_\_\_\_\_!
  - c) Romans 6:6: He has destroyed the power of our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d) Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 21-22: He will destroy those who oppose Him and will set up His \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom, creating a new heaven and a new earth!
2. Victory is for those who choose to honor Him as Lord \_\_\_\_\_! **Psalm 46:10**; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 21:6-8

D. **Conclusion: Assurance For The Believer!**

1. **Psalm 46:11**: The Lord of \_\_\_\_\_ is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge!
2. **Romans 8: 31-32**: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who (*or what*) can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, ***how shall He not with Him also freely give us \_\_\_\_\_?***
3. **Philippians 4:19**: And my God shall supply all your need according to His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ Jesus!