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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Nahum 1:1-15

"God is serious business. He won't be trifled with," writes Eugene H. Peterson in *The Message*. In today's scripture, Nahum envisions what lies in store for the people of Nineveh if they do not change their ways. While trouble of any kind is difficult, to act in a way that provokes God's wrath is asking for trouble with a capital T.

During recent years several in our family have dealt with serious trouble?job loss, illness, divorce, financial difficulties, and more. Disobedience to God was not a factor. It seemed that Eliphaz had it right when he said to his friend Job, "Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7).

As I searched my Bible and prayed for each troubled heart and home, God's Word confirmed what I already knew: The promises of God never change. While it is highly unlikely that He will zap away problems with a snap of His fingers, He promises to walk *with us through* trouble. I could share this promise and remind each one that God's comforting arms are always open to those whose trust lies in Him.

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