I. Introduction.
   A. Subject: the place of prayer in trouble.
   C. Prayer turns persecution into future profit in the ministry.
D. Those who desire to pursue God’s will will be persecuted.

II. The right response to trouble is standing in prayer.
   A. We will have prayer because the Bible says it; the Devil will cause it, and doing God’s will result in it.
   B. One cannot conquer prayer, love and true quietness.
   C. One must see trouble as coming from God and not from others.
   D. We are not to focus on our enemies. (Isaiah 54:17)
   E. If one obeys God, he always wins.

III. It is critical to understand that God loves us no matter what.
   A. We are accepted by God no matter what.
   B. We do not need to perform to earn God’s love.
   C. Fathers need to take this principle and apply it to their children.

Application questions:

1. What troubles have you faced where more prayer could have been instrumental?

2. Why is it important to understand that troubles come from God? What does this mean?

3. How have you had trouble accepting God’s unconditional love? Spend some time in silent prayer receiving God’s love for you.