# Taoism— Trouble happens

# Confucianism— Confucius says trouble happens.

# Buddhism— If trouble happens, it is not really trouble.

# Hinduism— This trouble has happened before.

# Islam— If trouble happens it is the will of Allah.

# Judaism— Why does trouble happen to us?

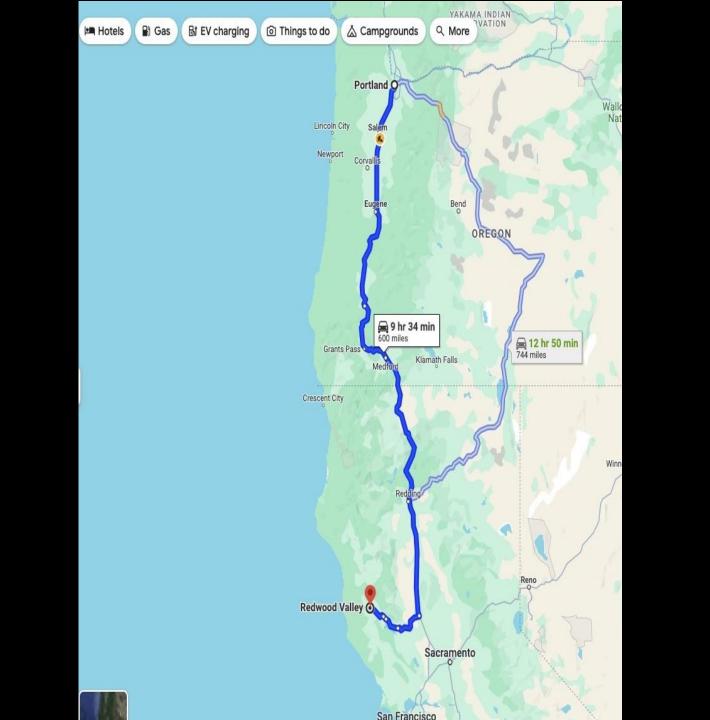
# Catholicism— If trouble happens, you deserve it.

# Protestantism— Let trouble happen to someone else.

#### Are You in Trouble?

(Isaiah 43:1-2)

But now, this is what the Lord says he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.



#### Psalm 66:10, 12 (NIV)

For you, O God, tested us;
you refined us like silver.

12You let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of abundance.



#### Proverbs 17:3 (NIV)

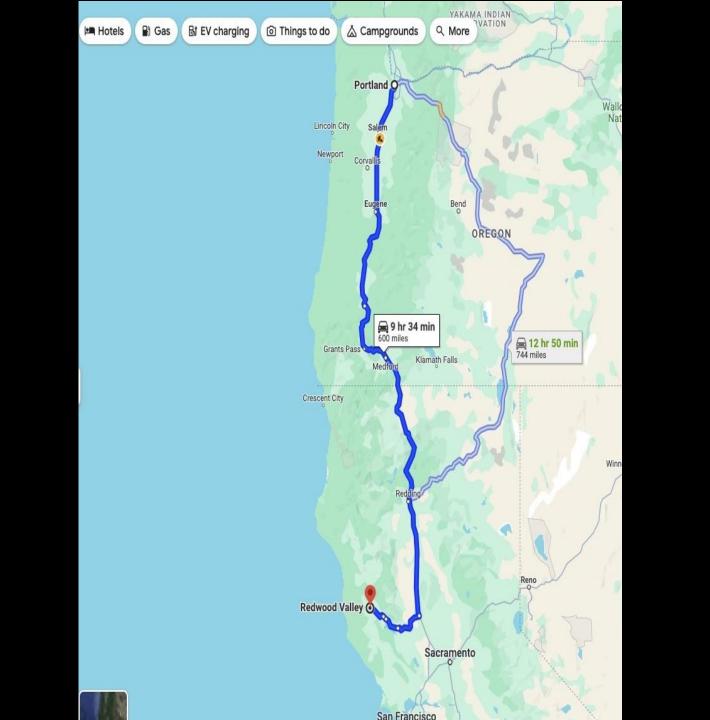
The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.

#### Malachi 3:3a (NIV)

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.

#### 1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)

Dear friends,
do not be surprised
at the painful trial you are suffering,
as though something strange were
happening to you.



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#### How Firm a Foundation by John Keith

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not harm thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

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