



Jesus Calms the Storm

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We All Face Storms In Life!

WHY? **Because we're human!**

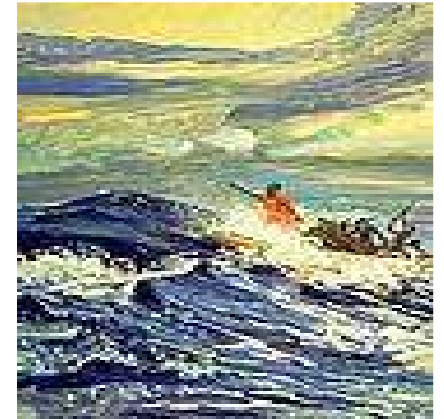
- Everyone faces storms in life
 - Literal & Figurative
- Paul faced many storms in his life

– **2 Corinthians 11:25-26**, “Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren”



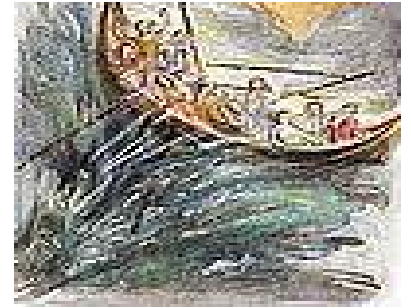
We Have Storms in Life

WHY? Because We're Christians!



- Jesus warned...
 - **John 16:33**, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”
- Paul warned...
 - **Acts 14:22**, “we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”
- Peter warned...
 - **1 Peter 4:12**, “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings”

Jesus Helps Us...



Through Our Faith

- Often feel, “we are perishing!” , 4:39
- The real fear is having “no faith”, 4:40

Therefore:

Growth in faith = Decreased fear

Decreased fear = Equips for storms of life

- **Psalm 46:1-3**, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling.”

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Through His Word

- Learn to withstand the storms of life
 - **Matthew 7:24-27**, “whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.”
 - **Matthew 7:26-27**, “every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.”



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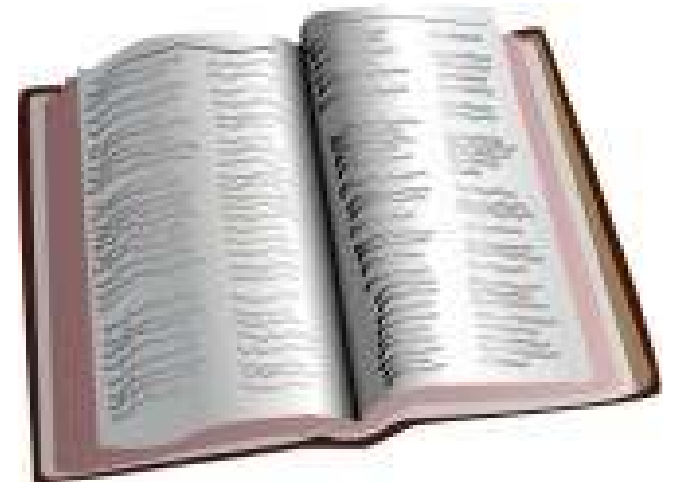
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- Learn to pray acceptably to God
 - **Matthew 6:5-8**, “when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites for they love to pray ...that they may be seen of men...They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet...shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him”

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Through His Word

- Learn to lay up treasures in heaven
 - **Matthew 6:19-21**, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”



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Through His Word

- Learn to seek the kingdom of God & His righteousness first
 - **Matthew 6:31-34**, “take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

Jesus Helps Us...

Through His Sacrifice

- Prepare for our “Greatest Storm”
 - **2 Peter 3:10**, “the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night”
 - **Revelation 22:12**, “I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”
 - **Revelation 22:15**, Those names, “not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.



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Through His Sacrifice

- **Standing before the judgment seat**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:10**, “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”
- **Be spared by His blood**
 - **Romans 5:6-9**, “Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

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Through His Sacrifice

- Our names can be written in the book of life
 - **Mark 16:16**, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
 - **Acts 2:38**, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
 - **Acts 22:16**, “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”



Conclusion of the Matter

- Everyone faces storms in this life!
- Are you prepared for the final storm?
- Which will you hear?
 - **Matthew 25:34**, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”?
 - **Matthew 25:41**, “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”





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