

The Storms of Life
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Bible Text: [1 Peter 4:12](#); [John 1:9](#)

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Oh hallelujah, Lord we come in the name of Jesus, and Jesus, we just thank You. Oh, thank You for Your finished work, thank You for the great love wherewith we are loved, thank You Father for giving Him to us freely, Lord, and with Him how could You not freely also give us all things? Lord. Lord, we're here and we're believing. Lord God, thank You for Your grace, thank you again for this wondrous mercy Lord Jesus that has drawn us. God, the grace that we love and have fallen in love with He that is full of grace and truth, and Lord we're transforming into that same wonderful grace and truth. Thank you, Jesus, and we want more of it today. Lord, we just want more. God, stretch the wineskins this morning, pour in the new wine. God let us be a joyful bunch, Lord Jesus, thanking You God this thankfulness that lifts us up out of this world, the thankfulness God that gives us such joy that we live in the heavenlies, and not here. 01:09

Lord, thank You for that love that our affections are set on the things above, and not on the things that are here. Lord, take the things of Christ by the power of the Holy Ghost, show them unto us today. Lord, if there's a life here that is come in, thank You Jesus. Lord, if they need to see the blood for salvation, Lord reveal it to them right now. Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved. Lord, I thank You again for that, but God if there's not a vision Lord Jesus, as you said without a vision the people perish. God, give us a vision today, more of a vision today. Someone that's new in here this morning, Lord, let them see the crown that You're offering them to rule and to reign jointly together with You, God to be glorified together with You, hallelujah to run for that prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Lord, thank You for these things, thank You that they're ours. Thank You that for which I am apprehended, I believe You Lord God that You're going to perform the good work which You began in us and for that day. Jesus, thank You that we're here, and we're confident that You will do it in Jesus' name, amen. 02:27

Praise be to God, turn with me today to First Peter Chapter Four. The storms of life praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, and I pray we come out of here with a whole new joy in the glorious storms of life. 1 Peter Chapter Four, verse twelve. We know this well. Beloved, isn't that beautiful? Beloved, oh, my lover, I love you, the lover of my heart, listen to him speak to you, that's what this means, beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is, not might, not could, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. That word there that we see, strange thing, it means calamity; it comes from the meaning of a storm, and I'm speaking today that something we all know about we're talking about those times, those storms that you get hit hard, I mean really hard. Storms that we would say in the natural are like a tornado, or a hurricane, a flood; they're unexpected, but they're unenviable, and saints as the word of God assures us, and tells us, and truly encourages us we must be ready; ready. And it is part of the ready for the rapture this ready for the storm. 04:23

Not that we fear it, but that we're ready in faith, and how are we ready in faith, because we need to know the word of God, because faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. You want to get strong in life? You want to grow up as a Christian in life, you need to hear the word of God, and you need to feast on the strong meat of the Lord if you're going to grow up to be a mature son of God. Brothers and sisters, we must be ready in faith, we must be ready by the grace of God in knowing the word of God, and believing that He is all faithful, and His word is all powerful, and it is for you. That's what this word is for, it's for you, amen. Jesus is for you, and if He be for you; if the word be for you, who could be against you. I mean even as a kid come on, I like you to build the different marble characters, and different things like that. They all have their special powers. We've got the special power. If God be for you, who could be against you? I mean even as a kid come on, I liked you the different Marvel characters, and different things like that. They all had their special powers, while we got these special powers. 05:27

If God be for you, who could be against you? Who is God, He's the word, the word is for you, but you have to understand how for you the word is. Is He for you sometimes? Is He for you only if you're doing right, huh? Is He ... turn His back, is that armor truly armor, three-sixty, top to bottom; protects you all the time? I heard a brother one time, so sad, and he knew the word of God; didn't believe it was saying something like this. Well, the armor doesn't protect you from behind. Let me tell you something, and I'll say it just like this, I've got armor on my butt like you can't even believe. Now, pray for me if you need to. 06:21

Brothers and sisters, the reason we need this, this is serious because these storms that I'm talking about today, I'm talking about storms that take out everything that has stripped you, that in His faithfulness He's afflicted you. I'm talking about storms that take everything out of you. But as it says in Isaiah Chapter Thirty-two the bible assures us He's the shelter in the time of a storm, isn't He? Isn't that glorious praise God? Now Jonah was in one of these storms, amen. God put him in that storm, it was a fierce raging calamity, oh yes. It was such a fierce storm he wanted the Lord to take His life. But before Jonah was thrown overboard he professed in Jonah 1:9. He told those men that were going to throw him over he said I fear the Lord, I reverence God. Now, then there was Peter. Matthew Chapter Fourteen. Jesus sends those disciples out in a ship, and then Jesus sends a storm out to meet them in the ship. Then Jesus from the shoreline walks out to the ship. The Peter seeing this Jesus walking on the water says to Jesus, Lord let me come unto Thee. Then Peter steps out and begins to walk upon the water to Jesus, and Peter fears the storm and he sinks. But before he sinks, he cries out to Jesus, Lord, save me. Amen. 08:21

Well, finally, and there's some more storms in here, but today we'll just talk about three. The third one is the Apostle Paul. Turn on over to Act's Twenty-seven. The Apostle Paul, he knows it's going to be a bad storm, I mean a really bad storm. He knows it's going to be such a storm there's going to be a shipwreck, and the Apostle Paul's on that ship. Matter of fact he's a prisoner on that ship. Now let's read from Acts Chapter Twenty-seven, let's start reading from verse ten. And Paul said unto those on the ship, he said sirs, I perceive that this

voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and the ship, but also of our lives. Well, brothers and sisters what happens often to people that hears Paul's gospel they don't take heed, and you need to take heed to Paul's gospel, or it's going to be a shipwreck of faith, and it will be. You can take that right there, and thanks be to God, Lord quicken our hearts we better because of the word of the Lord. We had better adhere to the things that Paul has said as he said to Timothy you heed the things that I have said you will grow up unto Him in all things. We're to follow Paul as he followed Christ. We're not to worship him in any way, shape, and form. I'm thanking God, he is my brother in the Lord, but he is a chosen vessel of the Lord to bring forth this message of the glory that the Lord will share with His wife, amen. Joint, joint, joint heirs together with Jesus Christ, amen. 10:19

Glorified together with Him. And how beautiful, and how wonderful that He chose the chief of sinners to bring forth that message. Isn't that glorious? God help us to really, really lay hold of it, it's going to be one way, the grace way for the crown, it's going to be one way to marrying Jesus, it's a vessel of complete mercy. It's a life that knows that they could never earn it, that they never deserved it, that they couldn't merit it, that I can't work for it, that it is grace alone. So here he is telling these men on this ship hey guys, it's not going to be good. We really shouldn't go out there, we should just stay in the harbor, but they didn't listen to him. And so what transpires is they're out on that ship, and lo and behold the storm is come. And let's go on over to verse twenty-one and it says there, but after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them. They'd been trying to get that ship to sailing the right way, they'd been trying to get out of that storm, they've been trying everything, and you know what, they realized they are done. 11:45

But Paul gets up in the midst of them and he says, Sirs, I like that. Ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you, be of good cheer: oh how wonderful the grace of God is for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve. Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee, all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. You got things going on in your life right now? You got things going on in your person right now? Did the Lord ever tell you I'll perform the good work which I've begun in you? Are you in the middle of a storm? Is your ship gone? Are you going to be as Paul, I believe God that it shall be? It shall be, it shall be, the glory that shall be revealed in me, that it shall be as it was told me. Did the word of God tell you that he that hath an ear, let him hear, huh? You're hearing something, oh yes you are. You are hearing something. 13:34

But see, this hearing that we're speaking of today is he that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches, amen? What do you want to hear, what are you drawn to hear? I'm drawn to hear the grace of God; I'm drawn to hear the mercy of the Lord. I'm drawn to hear Jesus Christ my Bridegroom tell me and assure me son; I will do it. I love to hear Jesus tell me that you're apprehended for it. I understand by the grace of God I'm running, praise the Lord. I'm in this precious race, but I'm not worried about the outcome

because I know He's got it. When he said I have the before ordained good works that you should walk therein, I know that whom He foreknew, and that's Jesse He's predestinated, and I'm living a life because I know that all things work together for my good because I love God. Because by the grace of God I'm called just like you are. If you're listening to this, this is where your ear is, just because you're sitting here doesn't mean you're hearing this. You could be sitting here and hearing whatever you want to hear. You could be sitting here and saying I'm not hearing that because I believe this. I'm giving you the word of God, where are you?

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You better get past your opinion, it'll destroy you; it will destroy you. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the church. What are you hearing? Are you hearing doubt? That's the enemy. Are You hearing works, that's really the enemy. You hearing self-righteousness, huh? Are you hearing well, I'm better than that guy or look at this one? Or they can't be like that and win God's best, where are you? I want to be at the well with Jesus, and not at the place where the disciples were, I want to be with the woman that Jesus was drawn to. She's got a heart for me. You can look on all that outward appearance, and you can make it look as sweet and pretty as it is, but it still stinks like that dirty self-righteousness, and nothing stinks like it. I want you to win saints, by the grace of God I want to win, and I know that winner of that race wins one way, and it's only the grace of God that is with me. Huh? I'm not confident in this guy, and I'm not confident in you, but I'm confident with the grace of God that's with you; I'm extremely confident in that. I'm as confident in that for your life as it is my life. I believe that He wills and does of His good pleasure in us brothers and sisters. I believe by the grace of God you are what you eat. You keep eating this full grace message you're going to grow up unto Him in all things. You don't, you're going to be stunted, and yes you will. You need to hear this, and I thank God I get to hear this.

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I show up just with you, where we going today, Lord? Well, I think we're going to Jonah, we'll go over to Matthew, praise God we're in Acts, now let's get back to the sermon. Three different responses, huh in those storms? that's what we just heard, three different responses. They're very different, weren't they? One revered God, one cried out to God in fear, and one believed God in the storm even when the ship was breaking apart.

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Now, I've heard sermons, Jonah's storm was a correcting storm, okay? Peter's storm was a chastening storm, Paul's storm was a victorious storm. Well, I'm here to tell you those were all glory storms. Every single one of those storms was a glory storm. You say, well how do you know? Because I've been in each one of them; I've been in each one of them, I've been in storms; tough, I've revered God, I've been in storms I feared, I've been in storms praise God I believe God. Every single one of these are personal to us brothers and sisters, and by the grace of God they're all glory storms because each storm is God's storm. I believe the verse that says all storms work together for my good. Now, wait a second, all storms. All storms, sometimes you're in the belly of that fish for more than three days and three nights, huh? Come on, all storms because one thing about God's storms they all produce God's best, and they produce God's best in us because they produce more fruit.

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Even hurricanes that we have on this planet that are so destructive in so many different ways. If we didn't have them the southern part of the United States would be almost like a dessert; it's the truth, it's the truth. Hurricanes even regulate our temperatures over our earth. They regulate the sea temperatures for life, can you imagine that? You think God set that all up, that He did. What about fires, you know they're very devastating. You know, the lightening hits, there goes a fire and all of that; they wipe out everything. But without that fire there'd never be any new growth. The forest that we enjoy today, they wouldn't be as thick, and as lush and all these things as God has given us because of those precious fires. Now you can take that for your own life, can't you? You can, all storms work together for good, and that is every storm. I want you to think about this too. You think you don't want storms in your life, you do brothers and sisters. There's a precious storm that we read about, it was called a whirlwind and actually it is a storm. Elijah was taken up to heaven by a storm. You see what storms do to you? they bring you closer to God. But I'll tell you what, you do want those storms because you do want that whirlwind. The cherubim in Ezekiel, you know what they come out of when Ezekiel sees them? That's the bride, that's the four living ones, that's the company. When they first appear, they come out of a whirlwind. We're coming out of a storm in so many ways, shapes, and forms here, don't you think this is a giant storm upon this earth? We're coming out.

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Now, so whether you got yourself in the storm, or you're fearful in the storm, or you're believing God in the storm always know this, there's one victorious constant over every one of those storms, He's in there with you: He's in there with you. And matter of fact every one of these storms that we just read about they were His storms; He sent them, He made them. He had an appointment with each one of these fellows in those storms. There was something that was only going to come out of those storms that was only going to be God's best. Jonah was in a storm, he wanted Lord in my life, I reverence You, but in my life. Okay, now we're going to get somewhere Jonah because your life is going to be ending up nowhere else but in Hebrews Chapter Eleven. Hebrews Chapter Eleven, the worthies of faith of the Old Testament; the winners, hallelujah.

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And there was Peter, praise be to God. Peter? How many things did that sweet brother have to go through? Put your life even in front of him he's gone through more. We have a better thing. Has to be, has to be. But there was sweet Peter, where did he end up? He's got a throne, he's got a crown, and he's going to be ruling over one of the twelve tribes. I think that storm worked out okay for him did it not? And then the Apostle Paul, come on, and as he said and not unto me only, but unto all them; all them also who love His appearing. I want you to think about where these guys see the Lord. They saw Him in the storm, you're going to have to have them, you're going to have to have them.

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Now, so brothers and sisters let Him know, we're all in it, I believe we're in storm all the time. Sometimes it feels a little harder than other times, but I'm telling you what, we're in a wilderness. But when you're in it reverence Him in the storm. Call out to Jesus, save me in this storm; isn't that wonderful? You get yourself in that storm, you want to end it all; save

me; SAVE ME. I was walking so good, I was believing God, watch me guys I'm walking on water. Look at my faith, I'm better than you, see? Help me Lord, that's the truth. And then thank You Jesus in all these storms I live by the faith of the Son of God; I live by the faith of the Son of God. I have Your life Jesus, I believe the Father, I have that faith; that's the only faith there is, it's His faith. 24:54

Saints, as the word of God tells us, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Isn't that beautiful? Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. That means all mercy; all mercy, that means all goodness, and that means all the time. So, brothers and sisters know this, when He's for you, you can't take your life, oh no. You can't sink your life, and when your ship breaks all apart, He delivers all that concerns your life safely. And the beautiful thing is because He's the shelter, and He's our shelter. It's His storm, and He's your God, He's your God. You believe Him? You ready to go up? You sure you want to enter that storm, do you? He leadeth me; He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me. Trust Him saints, really do. 26:21

You're beautiful to Him, He'll perfect that which concerns you. In His faithfulness He will afflict you. He'll bring you praise the Lord into the awareness, and to things even about you in your life you would think are strange, and calamities, but we know that that's all part of the fellowship of His sufferings. When you took Him honeys, and I mean this, I really want you to really receive this. The fellowship of His sufferings is understanding truly everything He took for you, who you are but for God. And sometimes He has to bring you into places, sometimes He has to send a messenger of Satan to buffet you to show you what your flesh is. A lot of people don't understand; well, how could that be suffering together with Him? That's when you suffer. That's when you suffer as Paul; the good that I would I do not, and the evil that I would not, that I do. Where are we saints? Are you riding glory? It's always in a storm. 28:03

Come on, you want Him? You sure? Now you're sure you're ready to lose your life for his sake. You sure you want to find what I'm talking about? Its only mercy isn't it brother. You realize O wretched man that I am, and I glory only in Him. I thank Him for this earthen vessel, I rejoice in who I am in Christ for He's put that treasure in me that it won't magnify me but magnify Him. I'm about ready to go, I'm about ready to go praise be to God. Let's pray. 29:08

Father thank You we rejoice and give You all the glory because of Jesus; He's so wonderful, magnificent, worthy to be praised. How we love to lift up your Son, how we love to only look upon the blood, the blood of the Lamb of God on that mercy seat. All power, all glory, all honor, all thanksgiving. I am what I am all by the blood of the Lamb on that mercy seat. Lord, thank You again for brethren that love you. thank You, God, that You caused us to come in one accord, one praise, one faith, one thanksgiving this morning; the one thing Lord Jesus, and here we are at Your feet with that beautiful alabaster box just pouring that anointing upon You. How pleased you are Father that Your grace, Your grace, Your Son has so consumed us that all we can do is to worship Him. Thank You so much for that. We love

to draw nigh to Jesus in fervent love to kiss Him. Thank You for that worship. We praise You; we glory in You Jesus, and soon, soon we're listening right now You're going to call us into Your arms. Even so come beloved Bridegroom in Jesus' name. Amen. 30:54