

WEATHERING THE STORM

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Matt. 7:24-27

The storm will inevitably come into your life. Naturally and otherwise.

Christians are not immune.

Matt. 5:45 *That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Storm defined;

1. *An atmospheric disturbance manifested in strong winds accompanied by rain, snow, or other precipitation and often by thunder and lightning.*

2. *A strong or violent outburst, as of emotion or excitement.*

3. *A violent disturbance or upheaval, as in political, social, or domestic affairs.*

4. *A violent, sudden attack on a fortified place.*

Are destructive. Ominous. fearful. Depressing. Require a line of defense (Shelter).

Three types of storms.

I. Storms We Create.

A. Disobedience. Jonah 1.

B. Affects others.

C. Solution.

1. Cast him out. vs. 15

Prov. 22:10 *Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.*

2. Repent. Chapter 2.

II. Storms We Have To Take Authority Over.

A. Produced by;

1. The devil

2. Others. i.e. Jonah.

3. Circumstances.

B. Jesus gave example. Mk. 4:35-39

1. Jesus sleeps while the disciples panic.

C. The solution.

1. Rebuke the storm. vs. 39

a. *"Peace be still."*

Rom. 4:17 *...calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

2. Causes others to wonder.

vs. 41 *And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?*

III. Storms We Have To Walk Through Fearlessly, In Faith.

A. Jesus walks on water. Jn. 6:16-21

B. Storms not of our causing and beyond our control.

1. Jonah's shipmates. Innocents.

2. Paul's shipwreck. Acts 27

a. They sailed even after Paul's warning. vs. 10

b. vs. 22-25 God will see you through. Angel tells Paul that none would die but the ship would be lost. Some damage. Gives direction.

Rom. 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

3. Sometimes we can go around the storm.

Conclusion:

Learn to recognize the difference.

1. Be transformed. Rom. 12:2

2. Be doers of the Word.

Matt. 7:24 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

James 1:22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

a. The Word is a discerner. Heb. 4:12

Ps. 61:3-4 *For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.*

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

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