

Hope Beyond the Storm

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Job 1:20-22, “Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. ²¹ He said, “The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!” ²² In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God.”

Job 30:20-23, “I cry to you, O God, but you don’t answer. I stand before you, but you don’t even look. ²¹ You have become cruel toward me. You use your power to persecute me. ²² You throw me into the whirlwind (hurricane) and destroy me in the storm. ²³ And I know you are sending me to my death—the destination of all who live.”

Job 2:7, “Satan struck Job with terrible boils from head to foot.”

Job 38:1-4,6-7, “Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind (hurricane): ² “Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? ³ Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. ⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much. ⁶ Who laid the cornerstone of the earth ⁷ as the morning stars sang together, and all the angels shouted for joy?”

Matthew 7:24-27, “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it (acts on it) is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it (do it) is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

1. Be Sure of Your Foundation

Matthew 14:22-27, “Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o’clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, “It’s a ghost!” ²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid, take courage. I am here!”

2. Be Fearless and Courageous

Matthew 14:28-31, *“Then Peter called to Jesus, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”²⁹ “Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”*

3. Be Steady in Your Focus

4. Be Steadfast in Your Faith