After The Storm

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INTRODUCTION

- The devil is in the details. To me, that has a certain connotation in that it means the devil's in the overlooked details.
- We will speak about what to do in the eye of temptation, but more specifically, how to recover from the storm of temptation.

1 Rejoice Primarily in the Lord

2 Timothy 4:7–8; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 1:3–8

- That should be our first reaction to success after temptation is over. We should rejoice.
- I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.
- God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation, he will provide also a way of escape that you may be able to endure it.
- Ultimately, the utmost rejoicing should be done in the Lord.

2 Get Off the Fence

1 Corinthians 6:18; 1 Corinthians 10:14; 2 Timothy 2:22

- Present success does not actually indicate future victory.
- Our faith, just like running on the pool deck, should not be pushed to its boundary, to its limits all the time.
- Even after success, we need to flee.
- It's not God's job to be pushing us up the whole time we continue to run around the pool deck.

3 Recommit to God

Luke 4:13; 1 Peter 5:8

- Isn't the easiest way to injure someone when their guard is down?
- And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.
- If we are too busy reveling in our own success, he will catch us with failure, and we will have no shot at withstanding that storm.
- We must always be on guard. We must always be sober minded.

4 Stop the Bleeding

2 Samuel 11:3–5; 2 Samuel 11:14–15; Romans 12:1–2

- He made a critical error in judgment. That error was to choose to try and fix his sin himself.
- We don't have to thrash around in the quicksand by ourselves. We have to call out to God.
- We must stop the bleeding and turn to God.

- There is no covering sin from the Almighty God.

5 Confess and Repent of Our Sins

1 John 1:9; Joel 2:13; Psalm 51

- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all our unrighteousness.
- Repentance is a complete emotional confession and change.
- True transformation, true obedience to God is a reformation of the heart.

6 Accept the Consequences

2 Samuel 12:5–9; 2 Samuel 12:13–20

- Nathan says in verse 7 to David, you are the man.
- He admitted his wrong. And he took the consequences.
- Do we have a heart to take what the Lord has put before us and say, I understand this is the will of the Lord.
- David accepted the consequences, and went back to serving God and worshiping and praising him.

THE CHALLENGE

Whether in success or failure, the point is we should rejoice in having the Almighty God in our corner on our side, helping us forward, wanting us to live eternally with Him.

MY NOTES