In The Storms Of Life

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INTRODUCTION

- If life is calm now, it means a storm is brewing. Whatever it is, storms hit all of us in our lives.
- What we know is life can change instantly. And in that, we think it's going to happen to somebody else.
- Yes, life's going to happen. How prepared am I to handle the storms of life?

1 Focus on the World to Come

1 Peter 1:13; Colossians 3:2

- Here's some things we can do when we go through storms of life. We can focus on the world to come.
- A better place is waiting beyond the grave. We need to keep our eyes fixed on that place.
- The problem is we want that place to be on the face of this earth. It's not here.
- If I can stay focused on the better place to come and realize this world is not my home.

2 Continue in the Faith

James 1:2–4; 1 John 5:4; Hebrews 12:2

- No matter what happens, we are to continue in the faith.
- For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith.
- He took his eyes off of Jesus. How many times in our life we take our eyes off of Jesus when we're going through troubled times?
- Jesus says, I've overcome the world, and those that believe in me and follow me overcome the world.

3 Don't Worry About What I Cannot Control

Matthew 6:25–34

- What can I accomplish by worrying about that I cannot control?
- I lost sleep and nothing got fixed.
- I need to hold to the truth at all costs. I cannot accomplish anything by worrying about something that I cannot control.

4 David Strengthened Himself in the Lord

1 Samuel 30:1–8; Philippians 4:6–7

- David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him.
- But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.
- He's gotten up, dried his tears, he's asking the Lord for help.
- Sometimes the Lord is the furthest one away from us in our minds when we go through something.

5 The Bible Is Our Source for Comfort and Strength

Isaiah 40:28–31; Ezekiel 37:1–14

- The Bible is our source for comfort and strength.
- As humans we have our weaknesses, but God's power and strength never diminishes.
- But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles.
- If the Lord I believe in take bones, make them an exceedingly great army. What can he do for me in my troubles?

6 Be Steadfast and Unmovable

1 Corinthians 15:58

- Disappointments, discouragements, hardships, they're going to come. We need to be steadfast and unmovable.
- Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, so you know your labor is not in vain.
- Is that only in the good times? That's in all times, isn't it?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you going through a storm now? Maybe you are. Maybe something's tearing you apart. Maybe it's a case about a storm is brewing ahead. Are you prepared for that storm?**

MY NOTES