

“Through the Storms with the Lord”

Psalm 107:28-29

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Thesis: I want to show how we can create calm in the midst of life's storms.

Intro:

1. The storms of life are not a matter of “if” but “when” (**1 Cor 10:13**)
2. If we are to create a calm during these storms we must realize we cannot do so without faith in God.
3. We do not need “Dr Phil or Oprah”; we do not need a “Joel Olsteen” to tell us how to find happiness. All we need is God's Word. True happiness is found in its pages- assurance of eternal life with God.
4. **Quote Matt 8:23-26 emphasis “a great calm”.**

I. The Key to getting through any storm

A. 1st step to Calm-Repentance – make yourself right with God.

1. Before we can expect the storm to subside we must make sure we are right with God. (**Ps 51:1-3**)
2. A person who is not right in the sight of God cannot humbly ask for his aide (**Isa 59:2**). In times of trials our attitudes many times is the first thing affected (**Ps 51:10**).

B. We must pray and get in God's Word!

1. We cannot get through any storm in this life without the aide of God. Thus we should pray for His guidance and His will to be done in all things.
2. We must trust in God (**Ps 31:14**).
3. Those that trust in God have God's protection (**Ps 31:19-20**)

II. Storms of Life

A. Creating calm in the storm of illness

1. We find example after example in the N.T. where the ill seek out Christ (**Mt 4:24, 14:35-36**).
2. We can and should do the same today (**Psalm 116:1-8; 1 Pt 5:7**)

B. Creating calm the storm of losing a loved one.

1. *Of the faithful* – we know they are in place prepared by God for those who love Him. - **Matt 25:34** we rejoice because they have left this life faithful.
2. *Of the unfaithful* – losing someone in this life who was not faithful to God is a terrifying thought, we know however that it does happen. So what do we do?
 - a. Should we mourn for them? Yes. Should we try to justify their sinful life and past actions? No.
 - b. We should strive to do all we can to end the pattern of unfaithfulness! When someone has died there is nothing else we can do. We must use this wake up call to not only get our own lives right but to help others see the error of there ways as well.
 - c. If the dead could speak to us, what would they say? (~~Use walking through cemetery- Illustration~~)— **Lk 16:27-28 – After all, its too late for those who have already died, its not to late for you and , Lord willing, others.**

C. Creating calm in the storms at home.

1. The Head of the House

A. Despite what television tells us, the man is the HEAD of the house.

B. The man is the one held responsible for the well-being of those in his house.

(1 Tim 3:5, Pro 20:7)

2. His/Her support

1. The man needs the support of his wife (Job 2:9, Pro 31:12,26)

2. The wife needs the support of her husband (Ecc 9:9a)

3. The Children

1. Discipline - (Pro 23:13)

2. Children must be raised in front of Godly examples and taught His Word (Eph 6:4). While living at home children should attend services.

a. Allowing kids to stay home will not help them to know/obey God.

3. Our children are our future leaders, don't we want them to know what the Truth of God's Word is? (2 Tim 2:15)

III.. Examples from songs we sing – ARE WE LISTENING?

A. Give me the Bible

1. v.1 – “to cheer the wander lone and tempest tossed”

2. v.2 – “when my heart is broken” – “when sin and grief have filled my soul with fear”

B. Solid Rock

1. v.2- “when darkness veils His lovely face”

2. v.3 – “His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood”
“when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay”

Conc:

1. There is not doubt our hope for any calm in this life comes from God and His mighty word.

(Ps 48:14)

2. How do we create calm in the storms of life:

1) Be blameless before God (Job 1:1)

2) Trust in God, (Job 2:9-10)

3) Abide in His Word. (Ps 32:8)

3. Full Invitation