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FIRST THREE DAYS - DAY 1

THE STORM SHALL CEASE

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Text: Psalms 107:29

[29]He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

What is storm?

Storm is a violent disturbance of the atmosphere with strong winds and usually rain, thunder, lightning, or snow.

One bitter truth is that we will face storms in our lifetime; yet, even while our atmosphere is being violently disturbed, there is good news.

How Does God see storm?

God sees the storm as a means of advancement. He test us to help us get closer to Him.

God uses the dark, scary, uncertain times of life as

to demonstrate His power not ours, and for God to get the glory, not us.

God wants to use our trials to get us a little closer to Him.

God is using the storm to mature you, to strengthen you, and to elevate you.

Nicky Gumbel said;

"Difficulties come on into our lives to develop us. Every storm is a school. Every trial is a teacher. Every experience is an education."

God can use every stormy situation in your life for good if you would lean on and trust Him wholly through it.

God is more than able to use trial and stom of life for your benefit.

The truth is, because we live in a fallen world, storms are inevitable.

I have learned no matter what is happening in my life, whether it is good or bad, there is a purpose and a lesson to learn from it.

The Storms of Life:

We have all experienced storms in our lives like:

The loss of relationships with refusal to reconcile.

The loss of health or work.

The loss of a loved one through death.

When we have storms in our lives at times we think God doesn't care.

It happened to the disciples in Mark 4:35-41

[35]On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."

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[36] Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

[37]And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. [38]But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

[39] Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

[40] But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

[41] And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

The disciples were in the presence of Jesus, yet they still experienced the physical storm.

Even though we live in His Presence, we will experience one storm or the other.

The question becomes how do we respond when the storms arrive?

The disciples accused Jesus of not caring. They surrendered their heart to commotion, anxiety, and fear of the storm. They were overwhelmed!

That is what some of us do too.

But Jesus remained calm, at rest, and in peace. Jesus was not disturbed.

Questions:

Where are you in your current storm?

Is your heart disturbed, anxious and fearful?

Are you accusing God of not caring for you?

Or is your heart calm, at rest, and in peace while giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness?

We can experience peace and calmness in the storms of our lives.

Is your current storm unemployment as some have lost their job?

Have you married for sometimes no child.

You have finished school and no job yet.

You have been praying and no answer.

And because of that you have seen God as one who does not care for you.

Be calm, undisturbed in mind, and be at peace in your spirits because God cares for you