

Message Notes
“FAITH IN THE MIDST OF STORMS”

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¹⁷Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my instruction.
¹⁸For it is good to keep these sayings in your heart and always ready on your lips. ¹⁹**I am teaching you today—yes, you—so you will trust in the Lord.** ²⁰**I have written thirty sayings for you, filled with advice and knowledge.** ²¹**In this way, you may know the truth and take an accurate report to those who sent you.** – Proverbs 22:17-21

[To the LORD] **“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”** – Psalm 119:105

WHEN LIFE GETS STORMY...

“No one gets an exemption from hardship on planet Earth. ... The Bible never minimizes hardship or unfairness - witness books like Job, Psalms, and Lamentations. It simply asks us to withhold final judgment until all the evidence is in.” – Philip Yancey, Rumors of Another World

¹Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. ²**When** you go through deep waters, I will be with you. **When** you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. **When** you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. ³For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.” – Isaiah 43:1b-3a

[Jesus] *“Be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* – Matthew 28:20

Our faith doesn't let us _____ storms;

Our faith helps us _____ them.

“Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.” – Deuteronomy 31:8

³When your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” – James 1:3-4

[Jesus] *“Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”* – John 16:33

Our faith doesn't always take us _____ of our storms;

Our faith takes us _____ them.

“Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you.”
– Psalm 55:22

“God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” – Psalm 46:1

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”
– 1 Peter 5:7

¹Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ²We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” – Hebrews 12:1-2

“It is in storms that God does his finest work, for it is in storms that God has our keenest attention.” – Max Lucado

FAITH IN THE MIDST OF STORMS...

“I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” – Hebrews 13:5

1. We can _____ **God's Word**
2. We can _____ **on God's Word**
3. We can _____ **God's Word**
4. We can _____ **God's Word**
5. We can _____ **God's Word**
6. We can _____ **to God's people**

¹I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. ²Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! ³Death wrapped its ropes around me; the terrors of the grave overtook me. I saw only trouble and sorrow. ⁴Then I called on the name of the Lord: ‘Please, Lord, save me!’ ⁵How kind the Lord is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours! ⁶The Lord protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved me. ⁷Let my soul be at rest again, for the Lord has been good to me. ⁸He has saved me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. ⁹And so I walk in the Lord's presence as I live here on earth!” – Psalm 116:1-9

*All Scripture references are from the New Living Translation (NLT) of the Bible.