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Every one of us has either gone through a storm, is going through one now, or will be facing one eventually. Some of the storms that hit our lives are huge and leave a lot of debris. Others are smaller and create chaos for a short season. But regardless of the size of the storm, God is in control.

BIG IDEA: Even during the storms, God is in control.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been in a tornado, hurricane, earthquake or really big storm? What happened?
2. What does it look like to “have a storm in your life”? Why is a “storm” a good description for those events?
3. Have you ever been through a difficult time that you would call a storm? What was it like?
4. Chris said we are all in one of three places. Which one of these best describes you right now?
 - a. You are currently in the middle of a storm.
 - b. A storm is coming and you don’t know about it.
 - c. Or you are just walking away from a storm that has blown through.
5. Would you say that you believe God is in control?
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7. Do you feel like God was in control—even this past week?
8. Do you feel like God is in control even in the middle of your storm?
9. *Read John 16:33.* How can this help us remember God is in control—even in the storms of life?

THINK ABOUT IT

Have you ever woken up to thunder so loud you thought the sky really was falling? Or maybe you have listened to the wind scream as it ripped through trees and knocked over fences? Storms can be scary. In the middle of a storm, we know that we are unbelievably out of control. But while physical storms may threaten and terrify us, there are other kinds of storms in life as well. There are storms that rip apart friendships and families. Storms that meet us in a hospital room on a sunny Saturday afternoon. Storms that creep up on so subtly we never saw them coming. Storms like these often leave us asking “Why God?”

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

As a group, how can you get involved and help others out in Clarksville?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“I’ve told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I’ve conquered the world”

John 16:33, The Message

