

Finding Comfort in a Storm
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There are two parts to this idea of finding comfort in seasons of difficulty. The first is the part that God plays in it and the second is the part that we play in it. Our life in God is a partnership. Even Lazarus after being raised from the dead had to put one foot in front of the other.

Isaiah 26:3-4 (NIV)

³ *You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.*

⁴ *Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.*

God's part perfect peace. Our part is trusting

Isaiah 28:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ *So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed."*

God's part is always being there. Our part is trusting

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

God's part is being with us. Our part is to not fear.

Isaiah 43:1-2 (NIV)

¹ *But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."*

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

God's part is redeeming us. Our part is to not fear.

Isaiah 44:1-2 (NIV)

¹ "But now listen, O Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen.

² This is what the LORD says-- he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

God's part is choosing and helping us. Our part is to not fear.

Isaiah 50:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

God's part is simply being the LORD (Yahweh) the one those promises never fail.

Our part is to trust.

Isaiah 58:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

God's part is guiding, satisfying and providing. Our part is to rebuild cities.

Matthew 14:25-30 (NIV)

25 During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Peter was ok walking into the storm because Jesus was there, but soon as he saw the wind/waves he let fear in. Where are you looking? If you look at your situation you will always be drowning, but if you look in the eyes of Jesus you will be safe.