

HOPE in the Midst of the Storm 10-12-2025

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Hebrews 6:19 NKJV This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil

Matthew 14:22-33 NKJV

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

There is HOPE in the Midst of the Storm

Storms in Life

1. Throughout the Word, God uses things that happen in the natural to help us to understand things that happen in the spiritual.
2. Storms are one of the analogies God uses to help us understand periods of difficulty, strife, testing and events that are unpleasant and difficult to embrace and navigate through.

3. Storms - Preparation

- a. Sometimes we have notifications of storms that are coming and we can prepare. Jesus knew He was going to the Cross and the Disciples would be going through a storm. He spent time trying to prepare them for the storm ahead.
- b. Other times we have notification of storms, but we simply fail to prepare. This happened to the Israelites time and time again. God told them to prepare, but they didn't.
- c. Still other times, storms seemingly appear "out of nowhere" and there is no time to prepare. This is the case with the Disciples in Matthew 14.
- d. No matter how much or how little preparation - there is HOPE in the Midst of the Storm!

4. Storms - Duration

- a. Some storms pass quickly - maybe it was just a test, trial, or temptation
- b. Some storms last for a season - a Storm Season
- c. Others are life-altering storms
- d. Regardless of the duration of the Storm there is HOPE in the Midst of the Storm!

5. Storms - Origination (Age-old deep theological question - why do bad things happen to good people?)

- a. Storms are no respecter of persons. Storms will come to the just and the unjust. You WILL go through Storms¹
- b. Psalm 34:7 says, "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them." Psalm 91:11-12 says, "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone." I'm convinced there are a number of storms that God's people never enter into because He keeps us from them, diverts the storm, or protects the child of God!
- c. We live in a cursed world full of sin. Storms are going to be part of life, just because of the curse and sin in the world.
- d. Storms may be a direct attack from the enemy. I Peter 5:8
- e. Storms may be a time of testing - ex. Jesus in the Wilderness, Israelites in the Wilderness
- f. And yes, sometimes we are in the midst of a storm because of something we said or did or because of decisions we made.
ex. Prodigal Son

g. However the storm originated, there is HOPE in the Midst of the Storm!

Biblical / Godly Hope

1. Unlike natural hope, Biblical/Godly hope is not wishful thinking.
 - a. Natural or worldly hope can be uncertain
 - b. Biblical/Godly Hope is an Anchor (Rock Solid) based on the certainty of the Word of God.
 - c. God's Word does not lie - it is the Foundation - the Rock upon which everything else stands and is built
 - d. Hebrews 11:6 says, this Hope we have serves as an anchor of the soul...
2. This HOPE provides comfort and Strength during times of Storms
3. Biblical / Godly Hope is future confidence based on God's Word

Peter Needed a Word

1. The Disciples had just finished feeding the multitude with Jesus - a miracle that is still taught and talked about to this day
2. Jesus stays behind to pray, but sends the disciples on across the sea
3. The disciples are in a Sudden Storm.
4. Peter - Lord, if it's You, command me to come to You on the water...
5. When you are in the Midst of a Storm, the Hope you need (the anchor) is a Word!
 - a. He didn't need a word from John, or Andrew or the other disciples - He needed a Word from the Master. His anchor (HOPE) was secured/attached to Jesus and He needed a Word

Our Hope is anchored in the Word

1. Hebrews 6:19
2. Hope allows us to reach out of the present into the future (prophetic) Word of God.
3. When you are in a Storm - Get a Word!
 - a. Get in THE WORD

b. Before you go buy the latest book or look to someone's commentary on what you are going through - GO TO THE WORD! Get a WORD!

Faith is the SUBSTANCE of things HOPED for

1. Hebrews 11:1
2. Peter received a Word and then his faith came alive
3. So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 NKJV
4. By Faith Peter stepped out of the Boat!
5. Faith will...
 - a. Take you through the storm - What if Jesus had called the angels to deliver Him from the storm... Maybe there's a higher purpose for the storm you are going through
 - b. Deliver you from the storm - Mark's account says Jesus would have passed them by.

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