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# PART 1 PREPARED FOR THE STORM

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### ANCHORED TO JESUS Not religion



<sup>46</sup> "WHY DO YOU CALL ME 'LORD, LORD,' AND NOT DO WHAT I TELL YOU? 47 EVERYONE WHO COMES TO ME AND HEARS MY WORDS AND DOES THEM, I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT HE IS LIKE: 48 HE IS LIKE A MAN BUILDING A HOUSE, WHO DUG DEEP AND LAID THE FOUNDATION ON THE ROCK. AND WHEN A FLOOD AROSE, THE STREAM BROKE AGAINST THAT HOUSE AND COULD NOT SHAKE IT, **BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN WELL BUILT.** 

<sup>49</sup> BUT THE ONE WHO HEARS AND DOES NOT DO THEM IS LIKE A MAN WHO BUILT A HOUSE ON THE GROUND WITHOUT A FOUNDATION. WHEN THE STREAM BROKE AGAINST IT, IMMEDIATELY IT FELL, AND THE RUIN OF THAT HOUSE WAS GREAT."



#### ANCHORED BY STRONG ROOTS

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<sup>11</sup>NOW THE PARABLE IS THIS: THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD.<sup>12</sup> THE ONES ALONG THE PATH ARE THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD; THEN THE DEVIL COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD FROM THEIR HEARTS, SO THAT THEY MAY NOT BELIEVE AND BE SAVED.<sup>13</sup> AND THE ONES ON THE ROCK ARE THOSE WHO, WHEN THEY HEAR THE WORD, RECEIVE IT WITH JOY.



BUT THESE HAVE NO ROOT; THEY BELIEVE FOR A WHILE, AND IN TIME OF TESTING FALL AWAY.<sup>14</sup> AND AS FOR WHAT FELL AMONG THE THORNS, THEY ARE THOSE WHO HEAR, BUT AS THEY GO ON THEIR WAY THEY ARE CHOKED BY THE CARES AND RICHES AND PLEASURES OF LIFE, AND THEIR FRUIT DOES NOT MATURE.

#### <sup>15</sup> AS FOR THAT IN THE GOOD SOIL, THEY ARE THOSE WHO, HEARING THE WORD, HOLD IT FAST IN AN HONEST AND GOOD HEART, AND BEAR FRUIT WITH PATIENCE.

### ANCHORED BY HEALTHY EXPECTATIONS

#### **JAMES 1:2-4**

"COUNT IT ALL JOY, MY BROTHERS, WHEN YOU MEET TRIALS OF VARIOUS KINDS, FOR YOU KNOW THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES STEADFASTNESS. AND LET STEADFASTNESS HAVE ITS FULL EFFECT, THAT YOU MAY BE PERFECT AND COMPLETE, LACKING IN NOTHING."



#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** 1) ARE YOU ANCHORED TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS? FIND SOMEONE WHO HAS A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND ASK THEM TEACH YOU HOW TO KNOW JESUS. 2) IS YOUR FAITH ROOTED DEEPLY? THANK HIM FOR THE CURRENT WAY YOUR FAITH IS BEING TESTED. THANK HIM FOR WHAT HE'S DONE IN THE PAST. THANK HIM FOR THE OTHER BELIEVERS HE'S BROUGHT INTO YOUR LIFE THAT YOU CAN LINK ARMS WITH.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** 3) ARE YOU PREPARING FOR STORMS? IS YOUR FAITH BUILT TO WITHSTAND THE WINDS OF PRESSURE, PERSECUTION & PAIN THAT WILL CONTINUE SHAKING OUR WORLD?



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