



## Through Every Storm

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### Introduction:

When we put our trust in God, He does and will reveal Himself to us. Each of us needs to hear the truth of God's word this morning that God is in control. I was thinking about the storm that has been battering the East coast for the past couple of days. The storm doesn't last indefinitely.

We all face storms in our lives at different times. We face storms of marital crisis, storms of financial peril, storms of illness, and lots of other types of storms, but there are some truths from God's word that I want to share with you that I believe will help you in any storm of your life.

### Isaiah 43:2

**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. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

Certainly in the history of the nation of Israel, they faced some storms. But God wanted to assure them that they would make it. God would keep them and bring them through.

There are three truths that I want you to hear this morning

#### 1. God is always with us. We are not alone

When God's people were in captivity, when they wandered in the wilderness, when they were without a homeland and when they were surrounded by the enemy, GOD NEVER LEFT THEM. He was always with them and they were together.

There is something about going through difficulties *together* that has the potential to strengthen the relationships that exist. It happens all the time. When people have experienced a common loss, it can draw them together. Remember how horrible it was on September 11, 2001 to watch the news. But something happened in those hours. That event caused this nation to be unified in a way like we've never seen before in

recent history. That event brought people together and also helped there to be a focus on God and seeking after His help.

The truth of the matter is that we know these things, but when we find ourselves in a stormy time, we really need to be reminded that God is with us and hasn't abandoned us in the middle of the storm.

Without a doubt God doesn't change. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

God did not change when Daniel was in the lion's den. God did not change when the three Hebrew children were in the fiery furnace. God did not change when Joseph was in Egypt and went through the famine. God will be the same tomorrow that He is today and was yesterday.

The presence of the Lord – His grace, His peace, His power, His love, is something that doesn't change and never fades. No matter what you face, it does not change the truth that God is always with us, and we are not alone.

## **2. God is able to bring us through danger, disaster, disease, and difficulty.**

When we look at what this scripture promises we see not only the promise that God will sustain, but also the promise that the things we face will not destroy us, but God will bring us through them.

When you face financial difficulty or danger, God is able to take you through that. When you face marital problems, God is able to take you through that. When you face illness or surgery, God is able to take you through that.

What the enemy of your soul would love to do at that point is destroy your faith. The word tells us that Jesus has come that we might have life and have it to the full. The enemy of our soul comes to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus has come that we might have life.

The enemy would love for you to question and doubt whether or not God is still with you. He wants you to question whether or not God has the power to bring you through whatever it is you are facing. When the Apostle Paul was suffering and crying out to God to remove what he referred to as the thorn in his flesh, God spoke back and told him that His grace was sufficient. God told him that his strength was made perfect in weakness.

### **Conclusion:**

There are those who are in a storm right now. You have felt like this storm was going to destroy you. I am challenging you this morning to hold onto these truths. God is always with you. You are not alone. God is able to bring you through danger, disaster, disease, difficulty. God claims you for His own, and takes responsibility for your care.

So when storms come into our lives, and they do come into our lives, then it is important that we focus on these truths and not forget them.

Do you ever feel like you are being crushed or destroyed? Remember, God has promised to bring you through.

## **3. God claims us as His own possession, and is our Savior.**

In our world, each of us considers and claims certain things as our own. We make something with our hands, or we work to purchase something and these things belong to us. However, with the responsibility of belonging, comes the responsibility of care.

We care for our family, our spouses if we are married, our children if God has given them to us, our cars, our homes, our pets, our hobbies, and on and on.

That knowledge of this awesome truth from God's word should comfort and encourage us. No matter what the difficulty, the circumstances, if we have committed our life to Him, He claims us. We belong to Him. He assumes total and complete responsibility for taking care of us. There would be no one better who could care for me or you and the needs that we have than Almighty God.

Why is that?

1. He created us so He is aware of how we work and what we need.
2. He is God and knows even the very thoughts that we have.
3. Because He is God His power and ability far exceed our strength and wisdom.