

No Storm Lasts Forever

Remember, no storm lasts forever. Hold on! Be brave! Have faith! Every storm is temporary and we're never alone
-anonymous

Although I fully believe the quote above, Sometimes, when I am inside the storm, I need to remind myself to repeat that quote. Sometimes I forget I'm not alone in my storm...

"Then he got in the boat, his disciples with him. The next thing they knew, they were in a severe storm. Waves were crashing into the boat—and he was sound asleep! They roused him, pleading, "Master, save us! We're going down!""

Matthew 8:23-25 MSG

As I read this passage from Matthew I smile to myself as I read how Jesus was sleeping. Here we are all panicking, and Jesus is snoozing, no wonder I want to be more like Jesus...

"But Jesus reprimanded them. "Why are you gripped with fear? Where is your faith?" Then he stood up and rebuked the storm and said, "Be still!" And instantly it became perfectly calm."

Matthew 8:26 TPT

Jesus is very clear to the disciples, the reason they are panicking is because they forgot to have faith in Him. They forgot that He was in the storm with them and they forgot who He is....

"The disciples were astonished by this miracle and said to one another, "Who is this Man? Even the wind and waves obey his Word.""

Matthew 8:27 TPT

It's true, we are in a storm right now and it's a fairly big one I would say. I have never witnessed a storm quite like this in my lifetime. I feel like we are in the middle of it now and some days it feels like it'll never end...

"Next day, out on the high seas again and badly damaged now by the storm, we dumped the cargo overboard. The third day the sailors lightened the ship further by throwing off all the tackle and provisions. It had been many days since we had seen either sun or stars. Wind and waves were battering us unmercifully, and we lost all hope of rescue."

Acts 27:18-20 MSG

Like Paul in that boat in ActS 27, we are being tossed all over and just like them, we too have done everything in "our power" to deal with the storm. We have thrown everything we know and love overboard (so to speak)

In hopes of getting through the storm....

"When they had eaten all they wanted, they began making the ship lighter by throwing the grain into the sea."

Acts 27:38 NCV

I'm sure that all the human measures we are doing truly do help to keep us in the boat, and help to keep us afloat, but we must remember that the storm is still not in our control....

"When he thunders, the waters in the skies roar. He makes clouds rise in the sky all over the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses."

Jeremiah 10:13 NCV

As Christians we must always remember that we are never alone in our boat. Jesus is right there with us. He may be sleeping, but that's only because He knows exactly what's going on and He is in Full control....
"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

Isaiah 43:2 NLT

My prayer for us today is that we hang on through this storm and every storm in life knowing that they never last forever. I pray that we can rest easy like Jesus by never forgetting just how powerful He is and that He is always right there with us through it all....

"The LORD himself will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forget you. Don't be afraid and don't worry."

Deuteronomy 31:8 NCV

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