

Sunday, August 14, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is well aware of the storms that we encounter in our life and He has not, and will not, abandon us.

Title: Weathering the Storm...2

Series: Weathering the Storm

Text: Genesis 39:2 & 23; Job 1:1, 10;

Job 23:12 and 42:10; Matthew 7:24 - 25

Introduction:

Our devotional on August 7 was entitled, "Weathering the Storm, Part 1", our primary texts were Acts 27:13 – 26 and Matthew 8:23 – 27:

1. Acts 27:13 – 26, Paul shipwrecked on the way to Rome
2. Matthew 8:23 – 27, Jesus asleep in the boat during the storm
3. Illustration from the life of Merrill Womach

~ James 1:2 – 4, "*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4) And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*"

~ 1 Peter 4:12, "*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.*"

1. Storm in the Life of a Favored Son:

~ Genesis 37:2 – 3, favored son (robe of many colors) but gave a bad report to his father about his brothers.

~ Genesis 37:5 & 9, Joseph shares his dreams and his brothers hate him even more.

~ Genesis 37:18 – 19, Jacob sends him to check on his brothers; they see him coming and plan to kill Joseph.

~ Genesis 27:28, Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers.

~ Genesis 39:2, "*The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man (KJV, "and he was a prosperous man"), and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.*"

~ Genesis 39:23, "*The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed (KJV, "the LORD made it to prosper.").*"

~ Genesis 50:20, "*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.*"

~ Through it all Joseph held firm to integrity!

~ Can I say as David said in Psalm 101:2, "*I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house.*"?

2. Storm in the Life of a Righteous Man:

~ Job 1:1, "*There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright and turned away from evil.*"

~ Job 1:10, "*Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.*"

~ Job 23:12, "*I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.*"

~ Job 42:10, "*And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.*"

~ Job held to the word of God (What word?) and his prayers, if they had been self-centered, were now focused on his friends.

~ Is my prayer life self-centered or is it an intercessory prayer life?

3. Storm in the Life of a Wise Person:

~ Matthew 7:24 – 25, "*Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (25) And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*"

~ James 1:22 – 25, "*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (23) For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. (24) For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. (25) But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*"

~ Am I a DOER of the WORD or am I only a hearer?

Conclusion:

Billy Graham Crusade video clip of 'Through It All'