

Our anchor in times of Storm

Text: Heb. 10v38

From the dictionary definition; storm is a violent wind, a tempest, raging or violent agitation of passion. It is a disturbance of the atmosphere marked by wind and usually by rain, snow, hail or thunder and lightning. There are three kinds of storms; (the smallest) tropical cyclones(larger) and extra tropical cyclones is the largest. Depending on the type of storm, it can destroy and damage buildings, vehicles, bridges, outside objects etc. Just like in the physical we have spiritual storm which has the capacity to destroy or develop a child of God. Any situation that has the capacity to affect you and your relationship with God is a spiritual storm. They come in different shapes sizes and in different phases and session of life. As long as we live in a fallen and depraved world, we must experience different Storms of Life.

Many are going through financial storms as a result of lack of job, loss of job etc. Some are going through the storm of ill health and sickness some are going to the storm of separation and divorce. Some are even going through storms they cannot tell anyone, and they are bearing all the suffering and pain. John 16:33. As long as we are on this earth, we will have trouble, pains and tribulation. There are storms that last for just a moment but there are storms that last for long, but one thing is clear as long as you are on this earth, storm must keep coming.

What is the origin of storms in our lives?

1. Sometimes we create storms ourselves through our deeds and actions which are not consistent with the will of God; disobedience just like Achan took the accursed thing. We create situations and do things that do not please God and so be bring problems and undue challenges to ourselves. It could also be as a result of willful disobedience to God
2. storms are also created for us by others in one way or the other wrong especially through wrong association. We associate with the wrong people and thereby fall into the snare of the enemy.
3. most times the devil just wants to torment us by creating storm which God can decide to allow.
4. God Himself can create storms or allow certain things to happen to us. Heb. 12v6, Prov.3v12. However, you must know that if God ignite a storm in your life it is for a purpose and within His permissive will because such a storm will not destroy you. It will make us better stronger and victorious.

The question now is why does God ignite or allow storm in our lives?

a. He wants to get our attention; maybe as a child of God we are waving off the way and because He loves us He will ignite a storm to

bring us back.

b. Another reason why God ignite or allow a storm is because He want to get rid of sin in your life.

c. He wants to get rid of something you are clutching tightly to because He has something better for you.

d. He wants to get you to listen to Him and surrender completely.

e. He wants us to conform to His own image—the image of His dear son. Rom. 8v29

f. He wants to equip us to serve Him better

How do we respond to storms? Our response to storms of our lives will determine whether it will make or mar us. Storm affect people in different ways. It can destroy us depending on our attitude towards it and it can develop and build up our faith, strength, wisdom, courage, knowledge, endurance and understanding.

Now how do you respond to storm to be able to surmount it?

1. You accept it and go to God and say I give you my attention now father have my attention.
2. Father what is it that you want me to surrender? you don't need to go far for this answer. As a child of God, you know the problem.
3. Say father I surrender to you, I drop that attitude, I drop that sin, I give up everything to you. I accept the chastisement, I repent, have mercy on me. Lookup to God in faith, trust him and believe that he can calm all storm.

What is our anchor in time of storms? The anchor in the life of the believer is the word of God. Anchor is a symbol of stability and security. The word of God is our anchor is our stability and our security. Isaiah 40v8, Psalm 119v105. The father is with you and will keep you anchored until the storm passes. *Deut. 31v6, Nahum 1v7, Isaiah 25v4, Isaiah 4v6* storms are inevitably but our anchor is immovable. Brethren

I want you to know that if you are a child of God on this earth storms must come in indifferent forms. The only anchor that can keep us and see us through every storm is the word of God. The word that has the power to heal the word that has the power to transform. His unfailling word that has the power to create and recreate Zeph. 3v17, Deut. 31v6, Isaiah 25v4-5, Psalm 91v1-5, Isaiah 43v102. My brother, my sister, my brethren I don't know the storm that have been ravaging your life but I decree today that as you submit completely to him today concerning that thing he want to remove from your life, that storm will be over in Jesus name. If you have been struggling with something He wants to take away from your life, release it now.

