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In the midst of a storm: I love stormy days, but only if I know that the storm is on the outside and I am as far from harm as possible. The power and the majesty of the Lord is often seen in the storms. It is also seen in the way He handles them.



There are three perspectives on storms that determine how we think about them; the first being there is no storm and the skies are clear, bright and beautiful. Often this perspective leads to complacency or forgetfulness. We forget that storms have come and will come again, believing everything to be “easy street”. Foolish perspective!

We can be living in the aftermath of the storm where the wreckage and the destruction seem so overwhelming that we just want to give up and give in. The clean-up after a storm can be monumental.

Or we are in the midst of the storm right now. We will visit the other perspectives at another time but for right now, let's deal with life in the midst of the storm. Unfortunately the metaphor of “storms” seems to break down if we are the cause of the storm which is often the case. We are in the safety of our life in Christ, decide we need to step outside and either through a complete lack of obedience, plain stupidity or for the sheer thrill of it, we put ourselves, our employees and potentially our companies at risk. Often our own foolishness affects others in a very real and painful way. People get laid off, people get cut back on pay and benefits and people are forced to clean up the messes we leave.

There is one simple cure for that perspective of storm management... “abide in the King” and He will keep you safe from the storm. Economic upheaval, crisis, competition and a million other storms can rage, but when we abide, we are safe in the Kingdom. Obedience will pay enormous dividends. Ask before you leap out. Check with the King before you go off into the storm.

But when storms rage and we have been obedient and have stayed in the abiding place, what do we do and how do we do it? Another question is “why is this happening Lord?” Life will bring storms; He promised it. Often the storm is a test of our faith, a test of our character or a test of our willingness to follow Him, even through the storm. It is in the midst of the storm that we need to be as close to the King as possible. It is in the midst of the storm that we need His strength, not our own. It is in the midst of the storm that we can be transformed into the likeness of the King. Maybe that is why storms, not of our own causing, happen? Simply because He is faithful to finish that which he started in us; to make us Christ-like in this life. When storms rage, there is only one place to go for security or survival and that place is in the Kingdom, with the King.

“Father, if a storm is coming, prepare me to lead the people you have given to my care. While I am in the midst of it, give me courage to stand and faith to persevere. Once it passes, give me energy and passion to clean up after it. Father I do not want storms, but I do want your good, pleasing and perfect will. Amen.”

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