

Weathering The Storm - Week 6 Sermon Notes

The 3 lies and the 3 unwavering truths about facing life's storms: Lies: Truths: No one cares. - GOD cares about what you're going through. I can face it alone. - Pride will sink you. It's too late to ask for help. - It's never too late to ask GOD for help.

- 1 Peter 3:10-12 (NASB) Don't let the foolishness of others dictate how you handle your storm. "The one who desires life, to love and see good days, must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. He must turn away from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous, and His ear attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."
- 1 Peter 3:14b (NASB) "Do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled."
- **1 Peter 3:16 (MSG)** "Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They'll end up realizing that they're the ones who need a bath."

Storms are more manageable in **community** than they are Alone.

1 Peter 3:8 (NLT) "Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude."

Galatians 6:2 (NLT) "Share each other's burdens."

God doesn't want you to live in the ruins of your storm, He wants to help you <u>rebuild</u> with Him as your Foundation.

<u>Matt 7:24-27 (NIV)</u> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain came, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Eph 4:20 (NLT) "Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."

Use the stories of Your storms to **serve** others.

<u>1 Peter 4:7-11 (MSG)</u> "Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and He'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything."