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# STORM CHASERS

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**What you hold in your hand** is an incredible resource, a tool designed to help us effectively partner with parents and lead children into a growing relationship with God.

**Contained within the pages of this booklet you'll find:**

- a. Important scriptures, such as our memory verse.
- b. Amazing and relevant Bible stories.
- c. Key points that make up the exciting messages planned for this entire series.
- d. A place to stamp for each service attended.

This booklet was created to inform you of exactly what our children's ministry will speak about each service. You'll be able to review with your children the messages covered, and also look ahead as the series unfolds.

**So partner with us** and help your children learn responsibility by bringing this booklet every service. Each time they visit, we will put a stamp in their book to show that they attended, and also filled out each point of that day's lesson in this book.

As an added incentive, we'll continue to give a special reward to those who have attended each day.

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## Storm Chasers

Storm chasers are a little bit crazy. You'd have to be, when you're racing towards a F5 tornado, while everyone else is running away from it. There's no question that they're fearless! But when you understand the reasons they're chasing after storms, you'll begin to see what it's all about: they're trying to save lives.

Some time ago there was a man out in the wilderness that everyone thought was crazy. He was completely fearless, and tore a path through all their religious traditions. But he was trying to save lives. He went by the name of John the Baptist, and Jesus said there wasn't anyone greater on the planet.

A storm chaser is what it sounds like: someone who chases storms. As Christians, God didn't put us here to run away from trouble. Picture a team of chasers zooming off road to get as close as possible to a twister. Like them, we shouldn't be frightened of any principalities of the air. With God's help, we can have the boldness of a man like John the Baptist.

Remember, it's all about saving lives. We may find ourselves in some wild situations, doing things we've never done before. But that's the walk of faith. Although the atmosphere may seem extreme with situations whirling around you, remember to keep your eyes on Jesus. He'll keep you anchored!

Time is short! The average time between a tornado warning and a possible strike is only eleven minutes. That's not much time. There is an urgency to what a Storm Chaser does, because lives are on the line.

John the Baptist felt the same way: he knew that people were in danger. He had a passion and an "urgent urgency" about him. That's what God wants to see in you. Even now, He's looking for someone to be bold and just a little crazy, all in the name of saving lives. That sounds like something right up your alley, doesn't it? No question about it, you can be a Storm Chaser!

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In those days John the Baptist came and preached in the Desert of Judea. He said, “Turn away from your sins! The kingdom of heaven is near.”

John is the one the prophet Isaiah had spoken about. He had said, “A messenger is calling out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him.’”

John’s clothes were made out of camel’s hair. He had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all of Judea. They also came from the whole area around the Jordan River. When they admitted they had sinned, John baptized them in the Jordan.

John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing. He said to them, “You are like a nest of poisonous snakes! Who warned you to escape the coming of God’s anger? Produce fruit that shows you have turned away from your sins. Don’t think you can say to yourselves, ‘Abraham is our father.’ I tell you, God can raise up children for Abraham even from these stones. The ax is already lying at the roots of the trees. All the trees that don’t produce good fruit will be cut down. They will be thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water, calling you to turn away from your sins. But after me, one will come who is more powerful than I am. And I’m not fit to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His pitchfork is in his hand to clear the straw from his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the storeroom. But he will burn up the husks with fire that can’t be put out.”

**Matthew 3:1-12 NIRV**

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1. Be \_\_\_\_\_. We don't have to be afraid of any principalities of the air. Normal man spends his life avoiding tense situations, but a Storm Chaser spends his life getting into tense situations! With God's help, we can have the boldness of a man like John the Baptist.

*"So don't throw away your bold faith. It will bring you rich rewards."*

*Hebrews 10:35 NIRV*

A. WINDY

B. FEARLESS

C. PREPARED

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_. We may find ourselves in some wild situations, doing things we've never done before. Sometimes it gets a little dark, right there in the middle of your day – but that's the walk of faith. Although the atmosphere may seem extreme with situations whirling around you, remember to keep your eyes on Jesus. He'll keep you anchored!

*"For we live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIRV*

A. FOCUSED

B. HAPPY

C. GONE

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_. People are in the path of danger, and time is short. It's all up to you!

*"So keep watch. You do not know on what day your Lord will come."*

*Matthew 24:42 NIRV*

A. URGENT

B. AMAZED

C. LATE

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**Memory Verse:** *“So don’t throw away your bold faith. It will bring you rich rewards” Hebrews 10:35 NIRV*

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## Storm Warning

Thanks to the efforts of storm chasers and meteorologists, we have a warning system in place that can help alert us to dangerous weather when it approaches. There are sirens that blare in some communities, but more than this there are other ways to know trouble is brewing.

One way to be prepared is to check the atmosphere around you. A certain color sky, unexpected gusts, hail and horizontal rain are all signs that you'd best take cover indoors, somewhere safe, and quickly!

If we ignore these, we risk running into danger, and possibly "the hook." This is the tell-tale sign of serious trouble for those studying the weather radar. If you see a hook-shape in the Doppler radar, something dark and sinister is barreling in the heart of the storm. You don't want to mess with that.

As Christians, we experience different atmospheres – some are great, and some are places to avoid. One place the Bible is really clear about is sin. We don't want to mess with it.

But God has given us ways to escape. As storm chasers ourselves, we should see the atmosphere we're in, and recognize immediately if it is a place to avoid entirely. Sometimes going somewhere we shouldn't can be a little tempting, but always remember that hook is there, lurking.

As forecasters alert you to the dangers in weather patterns, your friends do something similar. Don't get annoyed if it seems your loved ones are trying to keep you from having fun: maybe they're just trying to get you out of harm's way.

The best strategy is to have an emergency plan. When storm seasons come around, it's always good to have a family meeting to plan ahead what to do should trouble come calling. And with tempting situations, the solution is quite the same: have your mind made up ahead of time who you will serve, and what you will not do, and what shelter you will seek: go to the Rock.

"The Lord is my rock and my fort. He is the One who saves me. My God is my rock. I go to Him for safety. He is like a shield to me. He's the power that saves me. He's my place of safety."

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The Pharisees and Sadducees came to put Jesus to the test. They asked him to show them a miraculous sign from heaven.

He replied, "In the evening you look at the sky. You say, 'It will be good weather. The sky is red.' And in the morning you say, 'Today it will be stormy. The sky is red and cloudy.' You know the meaning of what you see in the sky. But you can't understand the signs of what is happening right now." – **Matthew 16:1-4 NIRV**

"I have come into the world to be a light. No one who believes in me will stay in darkness." – **John 12:46 NIRV**

"You are tempted in the same way all other human beings are. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted any more than you can take. But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out so that you can stand up under it." – **1 Corinthians 10:13 NIRV**

"Watch and pray. Then you won't fall into sin when you are tempted."  
– **Matthew 26:41 NIRV**

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens iron."  
– **Proverbs 27:17 NIRV**

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**1. Watch for the \_\_\_\_\_. If you're prepared, you know when an atmosphere is dangerous to be around. And those who study the weather know especially to watch for the "hook." Be careful what atmosphere you spend your time in, and don't get hooked by sin!**

*"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient." Ephesians 2:1-2 NIV*

**A. END**

**B. SEASONS**

**C. HOOK**

**2. Listen to the \_\_\_\_\_. Meteorologists warn you when there's danger around the corner, and a good friend is just like that. Listen to your loved ones when they see you walking into trouble. They just might save you from danger!**

*"A friend loves at all times. He is there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17 NIRV*

**A. FORECASTERS**

**B. RUMBLE**

**C. MUSIC**

**3. Have an emergency \_\_\_\_\_. The safest ones are those who have an emergency plan all worked out ahead of time. When temptation strikes, the best thing is to have your mind made up well ahead of time. Do you have an emergency plan of escape?**

*"The Lord is my rock and my fort. He is the One who saves me. My God is my rock. I go to Him for safety. He is like a shield to me. He's the power that saves me. He's my place of safety." Psalm 18:2 NIRV*

**A. RADAR**

**B. PLAN**

**C. AHEAD**



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## **Make Sure Jesus is in Your Boat!**

Hold on tight, and get ready to ride it out! Just ahead through the barrage of hail and lightning, there's a swirling vortex of ominous darkness that can only mean one thing: spotters are tracking a storm front coming!

It rains on the just and unjust, and when menacing weather looms, keep calm and carry on. The rain cloud isn't just over your head alone. Jesus said that rain comes to *everyone*. Ever since sin swept into this world, we've all had to encounter seasons where severe storms advance across the skies, threatening destruction.

But remember that your footsteps are ordered of the Lord. Jesus said to the apostles, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." They had no idea what they were heading into! He sent those apostles right into the heart of a storm! It was quite an adventure, but Jesus knew everything would be okay.

Don't be afraid when the dark clouds start to form around your life. Your steps are ordered from the Lord! Just make sure Jesus is in your boat. The key to riding out any storm is having Him with you. Just ask the apostles, who marveled, "Who is this? Even the wind and waves obey him!" He can certainly calm the storms in our lives.

In fact, with Jesus in our lives, we can have complete calm. He has made us to be greater than the storms that come. We can't necessarily stop them all, but we can do the next best thing: keep calm and praise Him through the storm.

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## **Make Sure Jesus is in Your Boat!**

“When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s go over to the other side of the lake.” They left the crowd behind. And they took him along in a boat, just as he was. There were also other boats with him.

A wild storm came up. Waves crashed over the boat. It was about to sink. Jesus was in the back, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him up. They said, “Teacher! Don’t you care if we drown?”

He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down. And it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Don’t you have any faith at all yet?”

They were terrified. They asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

**Mark 4:35-41 NIRV**

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1. It rains on \_\_\_\_\_. The rain cloud isn't just over your head alone. Jesus said that rain comes to *everyone*. Ever since sin swept into this world, we've all had to encounter seasons where storms will come.

*"He causes His sun to shine on evil people and good people. He sends rain on those who do right and those who don't." Matthew 5:45 NIRV*

A. YOU                                      B. THEM                                      C. EVERYONE

2. Head into the \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus sent the apostles right into the path of that storm, and he knew everything would be okay. Don't be afraid when the dark clouds start to form around your life. Your steps are ordered from the Lord, and He wants you to trust Him through the storm.

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delights in his way." Psalm 37:23 NKJV*

A. FIELD                                      B. STORM                                      C. QUIET

3. Make sure \_\_\_\_\_ is in your boat. The key to riding out any storm is having Jesus with you. Just ask the apostles, who marveled, "Who is this? Even the wind and waves obey him!"

*"What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"*

*Matthew 8:27 NIRV*

A. JOY    B. PREPARATION                                      C. JESUS

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**Memory Verse:** *“What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!” Matthew 8:27 NIRV*

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## Storm Shelter

The greatest storm that ever took place was just moments away. Fortunately, it was forecast many years before, and God had told Noah all he needed to know. They had themselves the ultimate storm shelter.

As the thunderous noise shook the world outside the shelter, Noah just had to be grateful for God's provision. Years before, God gave Noah the plans for what he needed. It would be a massive ark, built with resources Noah had nearby. God also gave him the time to complete it. This took years to do, and the Bible tells us Noah was ready when the storm came. God even gave Noah triplets, three sons to help complete the task. If God wants you to do something, don't panic. He's got you covered!

But don't wait too long to get started. God wanted a storm shelter built right away, and it wasn't going to build itself. Get busy, or you'll be in over your head!

Once that door shut, it was over. We simply must have covering if we're going to survive the storms that can head our way. God is our covering, our protection and strength in times of trouble. But He also gave us leaders as our spiritual covering: our pastors and the leaders in our family.

Noah's family had the best covering, and rode the storm out in the greatest storm shelter ever created. As we learn from Noah, we too can have that safety. God will provide what's needed – we just need to get busy working, and be ready to get under the cover of His Storm Shelter.

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Rain fell on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights.

On that same day Noah entered the ark together with Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah's wife and the wives of his three sons also entered it.

They had every kind of wild animal with them. They had every kind of livestock. They had every kind of creature that moves along the ground. And they had every kind of bird that flies. Pairs of all living creatures that breathe came to Noah and entered the ark. The animals going in were male and female of every living thing.

Everything happened exactly as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in.

### Genesis 7:12-16 NIRV

Long ago they did not obey. God was patient while Noah was building the ark. He waited, but only a few people went into the ark. A total of eight were saved by means of water.

### 1 Peter 3:20 NIRV

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**1. Where God guides, He \_\_\_\_\_ . God gave Noah the plans for what he needed. God gave him the time to complete it. He even gave him triplets – three sons to help complete the task. If God wants you to do something, don't panic. He's got you covered!**

*"My God will meet all your needs. He will meet them in keeping with His wonderful riches that come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus."*  
Philippians 4:19 NIRV

**A. RESIDES**

**B. PROVIDES**

**C. CONFIDES**

**2. Just \_\_\_\_\_ it! Don't wait too long to get started. God wanted a storm shelter built right away, and it wasn't going to build itself. Get busy, or you'll be in over your head!**

*"Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch."* Genesis 6:14 NKJV

**A. WRITE**

**B. PLAN**

**C. GOPHER**

**3. Get \_\_\_\_\_. Once that door shut, it was over. We simply must have covering if we're going to survive the storms that can head our way.**

*"But let all those who go to you for safety be glad. Let them always sing with joy. Spread your cover over them and keep them safe. Then those who love you will be glad because of you. Lord, you bless those who do what is right. Like a shield, your loving care keeps them safe."*

Psalm 5:11-12 NIRV

**A. COVERED**

**B. OVER**

**C. PAID**



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## **An Outpouring is Coming**

There had been no rain for three years in the entire land. But Elijah was a storm chaser, and he knew something was brewing out over the sea. The forecast looked dry, and there was plenty of doubt. But while Elijah was praying, he sent his servant to look for signs of rain, over and over again. *Six times* that servant came back saying there just wasn't anything to look at.

But on that seventh trip, the servant saw something unusual. It was a small cloud, just about the size of a man's hand. It was a tiny little thing. But it was something, and before long, the Bible tells us that black clouds were filling the sky: the outpouring had arrived.

The message is simple: even though it doesn't look like it, your time may be right around the corner. You just have to be obedient and patient, and see things with faith.

Remember the Apostles in the upper room? Like Elijah, they had been waiting for a different sort of rain, a baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told them to wait there, and as He was taken up into heaven, they watched until a cloud hid him from their sight.

There's that cloud again. There was nothing to look at but a cloud, but the Apostles were obedient, and they waited. They kept doing what Jesus told them to do, despite it all. And soon enough, suddenly a sound came from heaven, like a strong wind blowing. And just as promised, there was a great outpouring. God was about to blow them away!

If you want to be a good storm chaser, you've got to be obedient. Jesus told those apostles to wait, just like Elijah told his servant to just keep looking. In both cases, they were obedient. And in both cases, it was about to rain!

Like a meteorologist, our job is to tell others the forecast. God wants to pour out His Spirit like rain. Elijah and the Apostles let everyone know it was coming. There are people out there right now enduring a severe drought in their lives. Encourage them today and let them know: an outpouring is coming!

## **An Outpouring is Coming**

Elijah said to Ahab, “Go. Eat and drink. I can hear the sound of a heavy rain.”

So Ahab went off to eat and drink.

But Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel. He bent down toward the ground. Then he put his face between his knees.

“Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. So he went up and looked.”

“I don’t see anything there,” he said.

Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.”

The seventh time the servant said, “I see a cloud. It’s as small as a man’s hand. It’s coming up over the sea.”

Elijah said, “Go to Ahab. Tell him, ‘Tie your chariot to your horse. Go down to Jezreel before the rain stops you.’”

Black clouds filled the sky. The wind came up, and a heavy rain began to fall. Ahab rode off to Jezreel.

**1 Kings 18:41-45 NIRV**

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1. There's a 100% chance of \_\_\_\_\_. There had been no rain for three years. While Elijah was praying, he sent his servant to look for signs of rain. Six times he came back saying there wasn't anything to look at. Even though it doesn't look like it, your outpouring is coming, and it may be sooner than you think!

*"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 NIRV*

A. LIGHTNING

B. HOPE

C. RAIN

2. We must be \_\_\_\_\_. If you want to be a good storm chaser, you've got to be obedient. Jesus told those apostles to wait, just like Elijah told his servant to just keep looking. Even though it doesn't look like things are changing, just keep doing what He wants you to do. You may not see it yet, but the blessing is on the way.

*"When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful." Romans 12:12 NIRV*

A. HASTY

B. OBEDIENT

C. BLAMELESS

3. Tell \_\_\_\_\_. Like a meteorologist, our job is to tell others the forecast. God wants to pour out His Spirit like rain. Elijah and the Apostles let everyone know it was coming. Look around! There are people out there enduring a drought! God wants us to encourage them and let them know an outpouring is coming soon!

*"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Holy Spirit on all people." Acts 2:17 NIRV*

A. YOURSELF

B. TRUTH

C. EVERYONE

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## **Pick up the Pieces**

A storm has been raging, and the end results aren't pretty. Even now, some people are in survival mode, just trying to pick up the pieces. As Christians, we can't help but notice the wounded around us, or those who have lost so much. In the blink of an eye, people will need emergency assistance – will you be there?

God wants us to do more than observe. He wants us in midst of the debris, helping put things back together for those who are hurting. It may seem like an overwhelming task, but don't worry: we're not called to do everything. But we are called to do *something*.

Forces of darkness can link up, twisting and turning, and spinning a path of destruction, sometimes right out of the blue. The situation can certainly look hopeless! But we as a church can bring hope to the hopeless. We do this when we work together. The church should join together, hand in hand, a swirl of action that lifts hopes, and blows people away with extreme love.

It's time to join the rescue and restoration team, and make every moment count. In the end, there's only one thing that can stand the test of time: what you have done for Jesus and His church. And the only thing you can take to heaven with you are those who know Jesus. So bring hope to the hopeless. Store up treasures in heaven, and be thankful for what is most important. You can help pick up the pieces.

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## **Pick up the Pieces**

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. Robbers attacked him. They stripped off his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him almost dead. A priest happened to be going down that same road. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. A Levite also came by. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side too.

But a Samaritan came to the place where the man was. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him. He went to him, poured olive oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey. He took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins. He gave them to the owner of the inn. ‘Take care of him,’ he said. ‘When I return, I will pay you back for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?”

The authority on the law replied, “The one who felt sorry for him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do as he did.”

**Luke 10:30-37 NIRV**

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**1. You can do \_\_\_\_\_. A storm is raging in someone's life, and you can see that person is in survival mode, desperately trying to pick up the pieces. You can't do everything, but you can do *something*.**

*"Don't forget to do good. Don't forget to share with others. God is pleased with those kinds of offerings."* Hebrews 13:16 NIRV

**A. SOMETHING                      B. EVERYTHING                      C. HOPE**

**2. Your church is a \_\_\_\_\_. We work best together, don't we? The church should link together hand in hand, a swirl of action lifting hopes and blowing people away with extreme love.**

*"He makes the whole body grow and build itself up in love. Under the control of Christ, each part of the body does its work. It supports the other parts. In that way, the body is joined and held together."*

*Ephesians 4:16 NIRV*

**A. RESCUE TEAM                      B. SCHOOL                      C. STORM**

**3. It can all \_\_\_\_\_ away. In the end, there's only one thing that can stand the test of time: what you have done for Jesus and His church. And the only thing you can take to heaven with you are those who know Jesus.**

*"Instead, put away riches for yourselves in heaven. There, moths and rust do not destroy them. There, thieves do not break in and steal them."*

*Matthew 6:20 NIRV*

**A. SEE                      B. BLOW                      C. KEEP**



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## **BUILD ON THE ROCK**

There's an area of this country known as Tornado Alley, and yes, you know why they call it that. If you're going to live in a house in this area, it's super important to have it anchored properly. What does that even mean? It just means the house needs to be securely attached to a firm foundation. Otherwise, the house can be pulled up off its foundation, and what goes up must come down. The end result isn't pretty.

Jesus had some similar thoughts about how to build, although he wasn't talking about just building a house. He was talking about building our lives. Listen to his advice, found in Matthew, chapter seven:

*“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.”*

In Tornado Alley, all those nice little additions you can add to your house are nice, but guess what? They're not as important when the storms come. The most important thing is having your house anchored to something that will not move.

God's Word will never move. Storms will come in our lives, and sometimes they're more than just wind and rain. Sometimes storms can mean illnesses, money troubles, or just plain bad news. These things come with noise and fury and they try to blow you away, and then send everything crashing down. But those that keep anchored to God's Word – those that really believe it and live by every word in His book – those are the ones that will find themselves still standing when it's all said and done.

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## **BUILD ON THE ROCK**

“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

**Matthew 7:24-27 (MSG)**

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**1. God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_.** The other house additions are nice, but they probably won't help out when storms come. In fact, without an anchor, it might all blow away. We can have a lot of other things going on in our lives, but remember what Jesus said. Without anchoring our lives to His Word, everything is in danger of blowing away.

*"There isn't anyone holy like the Lord. There isn't anyone except Him. There isn't any Rock like our God." 1 Samuel 2:2 NIRV*

**A. A TORNADO                      B. AN ANCHOR                      C. A HOUSE**

**2. It's not just knowing. It's \_\_\_\_\_.** It's not just enough to talk about having an anchor, you've got to have it in place or you could be in trouble! God's Word is important to know, but Jesus told us that we need to *do* what it says too.

*"So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24 NIRV*

**A. DOING                              B. GROWING                              C. SNOWING**

**3. You will \_\_\_\_\_.** If you're firmly attached to something that does not move, neither will you. No matter what blows your way, if your house is built on the rock, you will stand.

*"The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock." Matthew 7:25 NIRV*

**A. FLY AWAY                      B. RUN                              C. STAND**

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**Memory Verse:** *“The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock.”*  
*Matthew 7:25 NIRV*

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## **Praise Him Through the Storm!**

The book of Exodus records the first people ever to chase after a pillar of cloud. It wasn't a tornado though – it was God's presence! He had just rescued all the Israelites from Egypt and was leading them towards the Promised Land. What a time of rejoicing that was! In fact, it was so wonderful that Moses and his sister Miriam stopped to lead everyone in a song of worship to the Lord!

In their song, they worshipped God for things He had done, for things He was doing, and for things He would be doing later in their lives. And that's something we should be worshipping God for as well. He's done so much for us, and we have so much to praise Him for. When was the last time you stopped to thank the Lord for all the things that He has brought you through? Don't focus on what you think may be wrong. Instead, praise God for all that He has done for you. When you do that, you'll find it easier to see how He's even now working in your life. So why not praise Him for what He's doing now as well? Just like that mighty pillar of cloud that shielded the Israelites from the Egyptian army, God is right now protecting you from things that could make your life much, much worse.

What's amazing about the song Miriam and Moses sang was that it told of all the things that God was going to do as well. God has great plans for us, plans that will bring a song of joy to your heart!

Some Israelites never learned to be grateful or praise, always focusing on what they thought was going wrong. As a result, these complainers lost their way, and never really went anywhere in their lives. But those who trust in the Lord and praise His name? Those are led with merciful love, guided under his protection to His holy pasture.

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## **Praise Him Through the Storm!**

“The people left Sukkoth. They camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud. It guided them on their way. At night He led them with a pillar of fire. It gave them light. So they could travel by day or at night. The pillar of cloud didn’t leave its place in front of the people during the day. And the pillar of fire didn’t leave its place at night.”

**Exodus 13:20-22 NIRV**

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to God, giving voice together, *“I’m singing my heart out to God—what a victory! He pitched horse and rider into the sea. God is my strength, God is my song, and, yes! God is my salvation. This is the kind of God I have and I’m telling the world! This is the God of my father – I’m spreading the news far and wide! God is a fighter, pure God, through and through. Pharaoh’s chariots and army he dumped in the sea, The elite of his officers he drowned in the Red Sea. Wild ocean waters poured over them; they sank like a rock in the deep blue sea. Your strong right hand, God, shimmers with power; your strong right hand shatters the enemy. In your mighty majesty you smash your upstart enemies, You let loose your hot anger and burn them to a crisp. At a blast from your nostrils the waters piled up; Tumbling streams dammed up, wild oceans curdled into a swamp.*

*The enemy spoke, “I’ll pursue, I’ll hunt them down, I’ll divide up the plunder, I’ll glut myself on them; I’ll pull out my sword, my fist will send them reeling.” You blew with all your might and the sea covered them. They sank like a lead weight in the majestic waters. Who compares with you among gods, O God? Who compares with you in power, in holy majesty, In awe-some praises, wonder-working God?*

**Exodus 15:1-11 (MSG)**

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**1. Praise Him for what He's \_\_\_\_\_.** The Israelites were the original storm chasers, following a pillar of cloud that might have looked something like a whirlwind you see moving across the Midwest. It was the Lord, who had already done so many mighty things, and delivered them from slavery in Egypt. They had much to praise the Lord for, but then again, so do we! *"By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud. It guided them on their way. At night He led them with a pillar of fire. It gave them light. So they could travel by day or at night."* Exodus 13:21 NIRV

**A. FORGOTTEN**

**B. DONE**

**C. FEELING**

**2. Praise Him for what He's \_\_\_\_\_.** It's difficult to imagine some Israelites doubting or complaining when the Lord was doing so much for them. Yes, even as some grumbled or sat there worrying, the mighty pillar of cloud was moving to protect them from danger. Don't focus on what you think is wrong in your life. Instead, see with faith all God is protecting you from, all He is providing and doing to help you move forward.

*"The pillar of cloud also moved away from in front of them. Now it stood behind them. It came between the armies of Egypt and Israel."* Exodus 14:19-20 NIRV

**A. DOING**

**B. HIDING**

**C. DESTROYING**

**3. Praise Him for what He's \_\_\_\_\_.** Miriam and Moses sang a song of worship to the Lord for all He had done, and all He was doing at that moment. But their song of praise thanked God for all He planned to do in their lives in the future. God has great plans for you as well, plans that will bring a song of joy to your heart too!

*"Because your love is faithful, you will lead the people you have set free."* Exodus 15:13 NIRV

**A. PRETENDING**

**B. PLAYING**

**C. GOING TO DO**



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*Memory Verse: "Because your love is faithful, you will lead the people you have set free." Exodus 15:13 NIRV*

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# STORM CHASERS

## How to Ride Out the Storm

Storms come in life for all of us. Remember that Jesus told us that it rains on the just and the unjust. But He also told us how to ride out the storm too. Listen to His great advice:

*“So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock.*

*“But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash.”*

**Matthew 7:24-27 NIRV**

Building your life on the Rock is simple. It simply means living your life around Jesus, not just hearing His words, but putting them into practice too.

Building your life on the Rock is spending time with Jesus each day in prayer. It's finding time to worship Him for all that He's been, and all that He will be for us. It's serving others, helping those in need, and giving of yourself to help the church.

If we build our house on the Rock, we don't need to be afraid of the storms. In fact, because of Him, we can be Storm Chasers!

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## How to Ride Out the Storm

Preparing for a severe thunderstorm should take place long before you hear any warnings.

One of the best ways to stay alert is with a weather radio, although updates of the weather forecast on television, phones, or the internet are a good way to stay aware of any threats, particularly during “storm season.”

Make sure everyone in your house knows and understands the warning signals, from weather radio announcements to warning alarms in the community.

Finally, be sure everyone in your family knows what room to go to should there be dangerous weather. If you're not sure which room is best, follow this advice:

- Find the lowest level of your home, such as a basement or storm cellar. If you don't have a basement, go to an inner hallway, a smaller inner room or a closet.
- Keep away from all windows and glass doorways.
- If you're in a building such as a church, hospital, school or office building, go to the innermost part of the building on the lowest floor. Do not use elevators because the power may fail, leaving you trapped.
- You can cushion yourself with a mattress, but don't cover yourself with one. Cover your head and eyes with a blanket or jacket to protect against flying debris and broken glass. Don't waste time moving mattresses around.
- Keep pets on a leash or in a crate or carrier.
- Stay inside until you're certain the storm has passed, as multiple tornadoes can emerge from the same storm.
- Never leave a building to attempt to “escape” a tornado.

There are many other tips that you can research for yourself online or elsewhere, but you'll be in a good spot when you remember this: the best kind of plan is one made in advance.

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