

Proverbs 24:10 *(The Message)* If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place.

- *What triggers a respond in us is important when faced with a crisis.*

We Are discussing the subject: Is Your Life Storm-Proof?

Can the Foundation that you are building on stand up under pressure, or does it crumble when tested by a crisis?

One of the things we said to you that can storm proof our lives is the ability to act on God's word.

Remember we said to you; The quality of our foundation depends on how we use the information we're exposed to in life.

- *We attract what we are exposed to.*

Jesus says in Matthew 6:22 “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!
(NKJV)

- *Our world view depends on what we are constantly looking at to form the opinions we have of life.*
- *A storm proof life never makes permanent decisions on temporary circumstances.*

***We ask the question, why do storms come?
Some Storms come because we live under
constant spiritual attack from the enemy.***

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies—the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world. *(The Living Bible)*

***As Believers We Should Not Be Surprised
When We Are Under Attack By Unseen
Forces.***

1 Peter 5:8 from the Living Bible. Be careful—watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry, roaring lion, looking for some victim to tear apart.

9: Stand firm when he attacks. Trust the Lord; and remember that other Christians all around the world are going through these sufferings too.

- *A storm proof life is the ability to stand firm and trust the Lord when under attack.*

In Dealing With the Storms of Life, We Must Be Able To Discern Where They're Coming From.

- *Some storms happen because we are living at the mercy of our environment.*
- *Some storms happen because of unwise decisions.*
- *Some storms happen because of our assignment from God.*

The Bible gives us some examples of how we can storm-proof our lives.

A storm - proof life is having a consciousness of God's divine protection when faced with difficulty.

Mark 4: 35 (NKJV) says, On the same day, when evening had come, He **said** to them, *(his disciples)* **“Let us cross over to the other side.”** **36** Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. **37** *And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.* **38** But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

- *While it might seem like God is asleep during our difficulties, the prayers of His people get his attention.*

Because the disciples knew to cry out to God in prayer they had His divine assistance.

Verse 39 Then He arose and ***rebuked the wind, and said to the sea***, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Notice: *Jesus spoke what He wanted in the middle of the storm, not what was happening around Him.*

Verse 40 But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?”

- *Fear will always cancel our faith when we are engulfed with the crisis around us.*
- *Faith does not make things easy, it is acting on God’s word independently of feeling.*

Verse 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

- *Our faith will be ineffective in speaking to our circumstances if our lives are driven by the influence of fear.*

Jesus said in Luke, 21:26 that men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth.

- *Fear sees things as they are, but faith sees things the way they should to be.*

2 Corinthians, 4:18 says, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. NKJV

- *Faith doesn’t deny the reality of things; it denies the rights to dictate it.*

Romans 4:17 says, (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed -- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did. *NKJV*

- *Faith is the language that connects with the unseen world and brings it into the seen world.*

Hebrew, 11:3 *from the Amplified Bible* says: By faith we understand that the worlds (*the solar system in the universe*) [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.