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LIVING ABOVE THE STORMS OF LIFE - PART 2

In this lesson you will learn that God will strengthen you in the middle of the storm. You will learn how Paul handled storms in his life. You must declare what God says.

- I. God will give us His strength in the middle of storms – Isaiah 40:28-31.
 - A. Verse 31 – “But those who wait (look with confident expectation) on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

- II. Paul tells how he handled storms in his life and you can do the same – 2 Corinthians 4:7-14.
 - A. Verse 7 – “We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”
 - B. Verses 8-9 – Hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.
 - C. Verse 10 – The life of Jesus is manifested in your body.
 - D. Verse 13 – The miracle is in your mouth – “‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe and therefore speak.” (Also see Proverbs 18:20-21, Proverbs 6:2.)
 1. Believe what God said in His Word. Believe it and speak it in faith.
 2. You don’t always have advance warning on a storm, so it is important to have the Word in your heart and in your mouth before a storm comes.

- III. Declare what God says and you will overcome – Habakkuk 3:17-19.
 - A. Habakkuk 3:17-19 – Regardless of the natural circumstances, rejoice in the Lord and joy in the God of our salvation. Rejoice, speak God’s Word, and exercise authority over the situation.

- IV. Let us cross over to the other side – Mark 4:35-41.
 - A. When a storm rose up, the disciples woke up Jesus. He spoke to the storm and said, “Peace, be still!” Then He asked the disciples two questions:
 1. Why are you so fearful?
 2. How is it that you have no faith?
 - B. Jesus expected the disciples to rise up and deal with the storm.
 - C. Storms come from the devil, from natural sources, and sometimes from our own making. We must use the Word and our faith to stop the storms.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share a testimony of a storm in your life and how you overcame.
- Were you fearful and had little faith in the middle of your storm?
- Do you need prayer for a storm you are presently going through?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week begin to speak overcoming scriptures, and when that Word is needed it will rise up on the inside of you by faith to help you overcome the storms of life.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Mark 4:39 – “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.”