

***Storm Preparation***  
***(The Series - Part I)***

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# The Storm Preparation Series

- **The Storm: The Days After (Luke 8)?**
- **What Is Your House Built On? (Mat 7)?**
- **Being Prepared: Food & Water (John 6)?**
- **Being Prepared: Oil, Candle, & Generator (Mat 25)?**
- **Are We Prepared?**

# The Storm

## Luke 8

- **22**One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. **23**As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. **24**The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"
- He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. **25**"Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

# Definition of "Storm"

- **a violent weather condition of strong winds, rain, hail, thunder, lightning, etc.**
  - Hurricane Rita
  - Hurricane Ike
- **A violent disturbance or upheaval, as in political, social, or domestic affairs:**
  - Vietnam War
  - Divorce

# How Do People React In Storm

- Evacuate (i.e. flight)?
- Stay Put (i.e. fight it out)?
- Regardless, there are natural emotions:
  - Stress, Anxiety, Worries
    - Lack of gas, food, water, power
    - Trees & Tornado (examples)?

# Disciples vs. Jesus' Reactions

- **Luke 8:24 "Master! Master! We are going to drown"**
  - Natural
  - Need to Cry Out to God
- **Sleeping**
  - How Is this possible?
    - Stephen being stoned
    - Any of you slept thru Ike?
  - Children did it. How?
    - Understood one important truth
      - Who's responsible for house, trees, nor food
      - Daddy & Mommy near
    - Enjoyed hurricane.. stories

# Disciples vs. Jesus' Reactions

## ■ Phil 4:4-7

- 4Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **After The Storm: Doing Good**

- **Luke 8:24 cont. - He (Jesus) got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. 25"Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.**
  - Rebuked them
  - Yet, took care of His sheep
  - What happened after the storm (v.26-56)?
    - Took care of demon-possessed man, dead girl

# After The Storm: Doing Good

## ■ Many Things to Do after the storm

- Clean Up, Repair, Getting House in order
- New business opportunities (price gouging)?
- Conflict Opportunities High
  - Mom's neighbor
  - Sister's neighbor
- Choice in how we respond
  - Self vs. others
- What Bible says?
  - Phil 2
  - Gal 6

# Doing Good – A habit

## ■ Gal 6:9-10

- 9Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

## ■ TOUCH Family

- Examples
- As we grow, it'll be more & more natural to care for one another
- But we do not stop there...

# There's A Hurting World

## ■ Mat 5:14-16

- 14" You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 **In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.**

## ■ TOUCH Family

- Love & care for one another
- Conflict Handling
- Apartment complexes, work place, grocery stores, etc.
- More storms on horizon ....

# Prayer

- **What was the hardest thing about this storm for you?**
- **Do you know of others who are in need that we can**
  - **Pray for, or**
  - **Minister to?**
- **Pray for one another & those in needs.**