

TITLE: “Standing Strong in the Storm”

TEXT: Matthew 7:24-29

INTRODUCTION: (March 29, 2020)

Today's message is called “*Standing Strong in the Storm.*” It's kind of a lesson in the meteorology of life. These are things you need to know about the storms you'll face — before, during and after. There are several things I want us to look at today...

1. Storms come to _____.

- A. Storms are _____ opportunity employers.
- B. Storms are _____ of life.
- C. Storms are created over a _____ of time.

Storms are not an _____ but they are to be expected to hit some time during our life.

2. Storms have different _____.

- A. Storms have the ability to get _____ or lessen in severity.
- B. Life is full of storms that _____ a little or hurt a lot.
- C. Jesus _____ the intensity of storms.

Every storm will have an _____ on your life!

3. Storms test your _____.

- A. The storms will _____ what your life is built on.
- B. Storms tell you and others what is _____ everything they see.

C. Jesus points out ____ foundations.

The storms of life reveal to you the _____ of your foundation!

4. God can _____ you through the storm.

A. Jesus said that the house did not _____.

B. Jesus declares to us that the rock represents those who listen and ____.

C. Faith is not the absence of storms but the _____ to go through storms.

5. God is in the _____ of the storm.

A. The storm can make you feel _____.

B. Jesus is in the _____ of the storm.

C. When God _____ is when you can have peace in the middle of your storm.

And a _____ past leads you in the direction of a _____ future!

Lessons from the Storm:

1. Put into the _____ the sayings of Jesus.

2. Keep your eyes on the _____.

3. Understand that everything you see is temporal; it will _____.

4. God may not be the author of the storm but He can get _____ out of it.

5. God's _____ can help you through any situation.