

Seeing Past the Storm

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It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
Psalm 119:71 (KJV)

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1
Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

1. When I am in a storm what does God want me to see?

Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. Matthew 14:24 (NLT)

*But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"
28 Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."*

29 "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. Matthew 14:27-29 (NLT)

But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Matthew 14:30 (NASB)

When I am in a storm what does God want me to see? Positive or Negative. Jesus or The Storm

2. What to look forward too.

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6 (NASB)

*In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,
7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

*8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:6-9 (NASB)*

Storms are good for us!