

Edward Christian Church

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When the Bottom Drops Out -pt1

Matthew 14:22-33

“Assurances We Can Count On”



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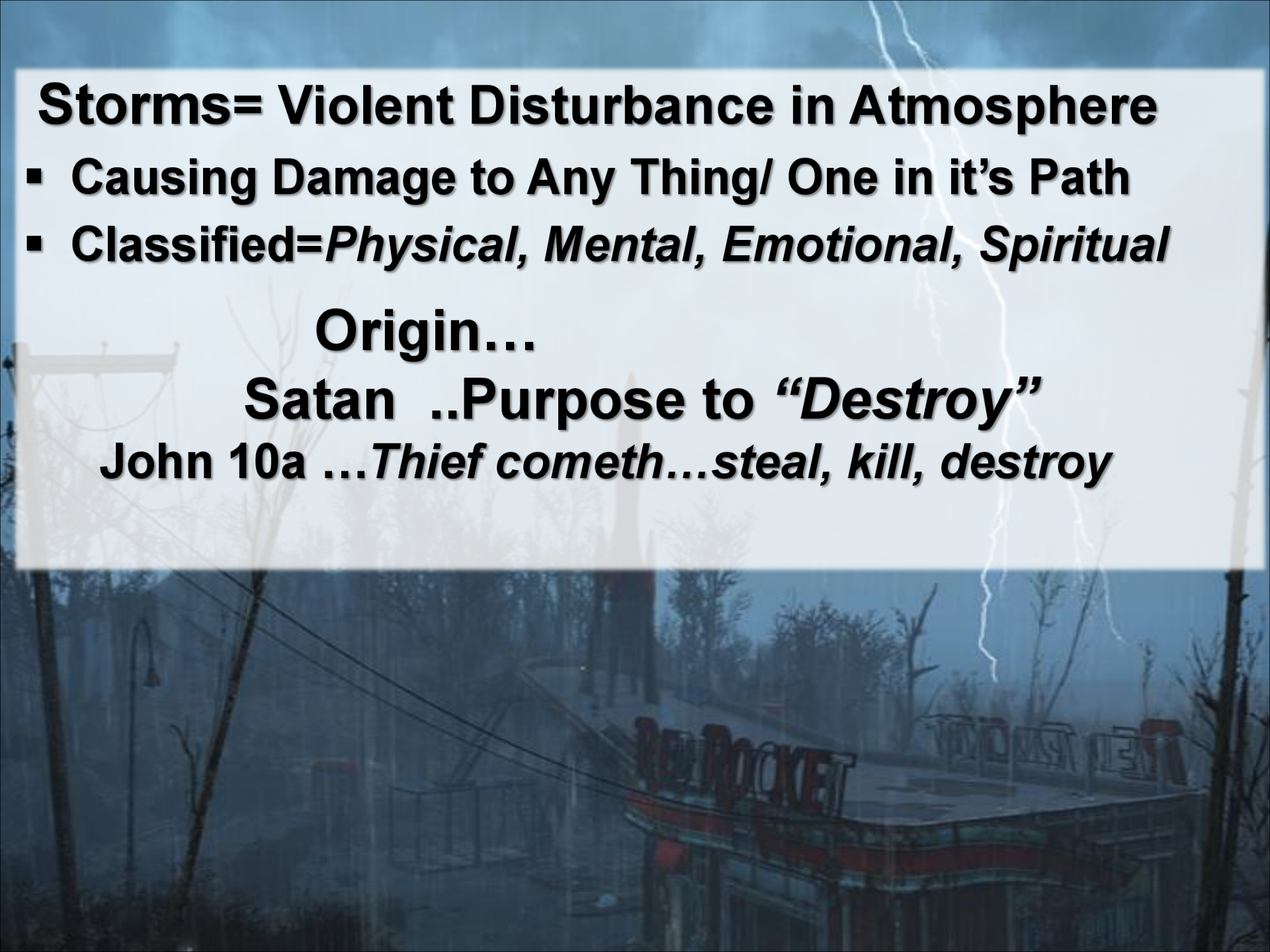
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John 10b ...*But I AM Come..life..more abound..*

- ☐ **Always in Control -*Great God Jehovah***
- ☐ **Always a Lesson - *Search the Purpose***

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...2 Storms that Day at Same Time

- **Circumstances on Outside**
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There Were 5 Things...

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Let Us Focus on Them



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The Timing of the Storm

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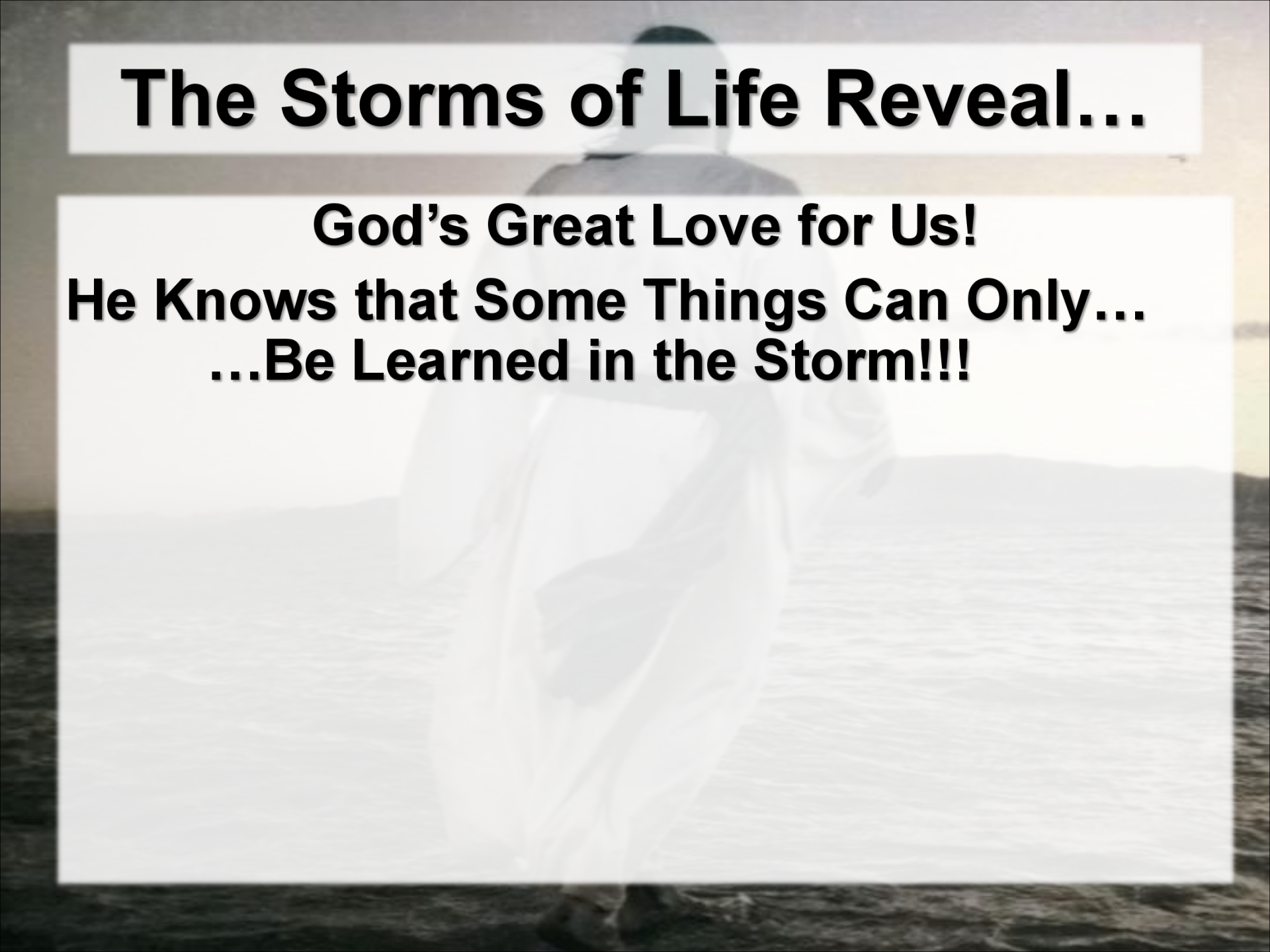
- Opportunity *was Present*
- Storm *was About to Strike*
- Test Time *after the Lesson*



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**During These Seasons...
Remember...**

James 1:12 (KJV)

¹² Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

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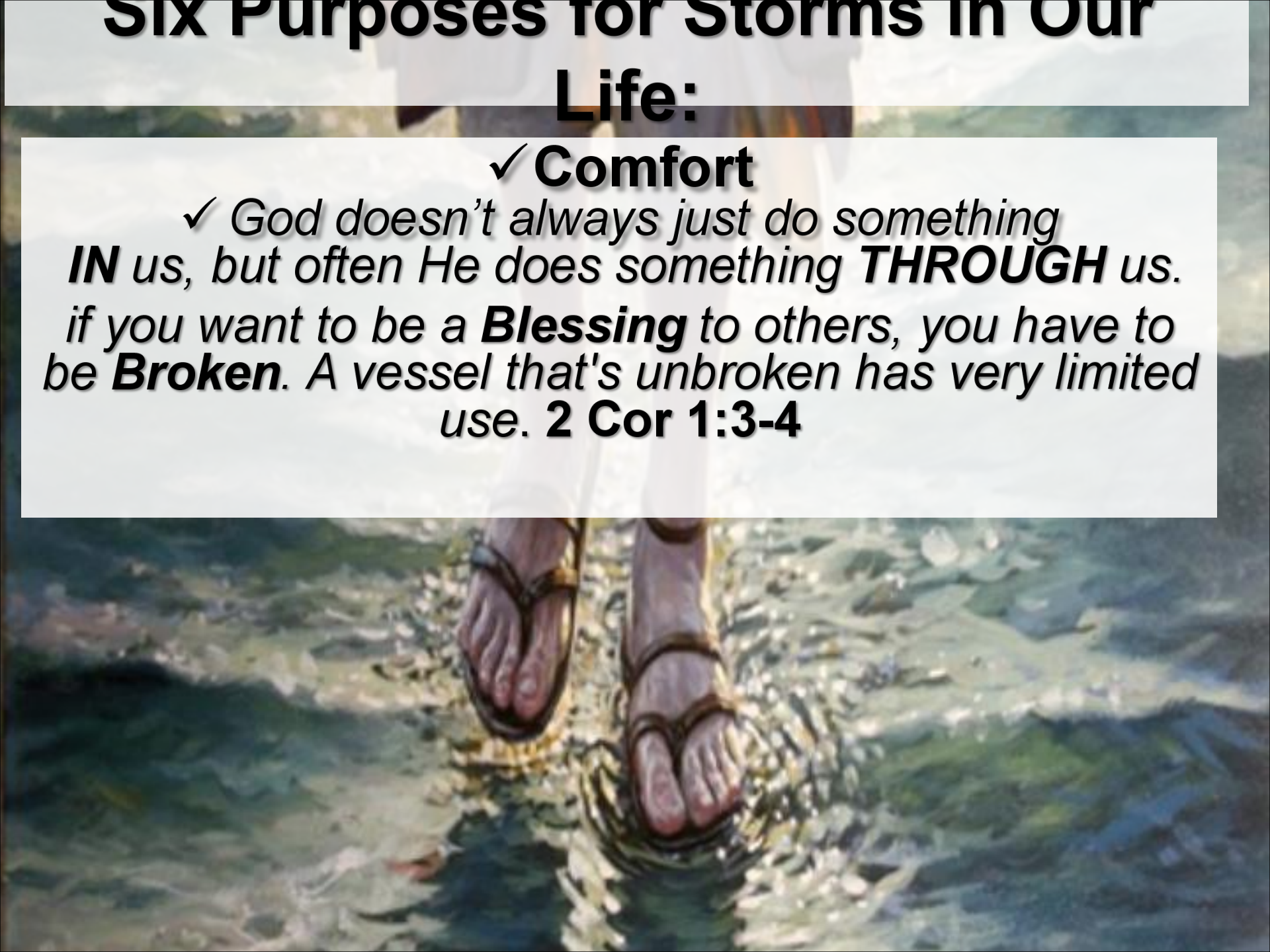
✓ **Conformity - conforming our image**

Rom 8:29- *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

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✓ **Change**

✓ Paul is a great **Example** of **Change** when God got his Attention on **Damascus Road**.



A man with a dark beard and hair, wearing a simple tunic, looks upwards with a concerned expression. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and a bright beam of light from a lighthouse on the right illuminates the scene. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent light green rectangle.

GOD'S PLANS
for my future
ARE FAR GREATER
than my fears.

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...Realize that God Always Has...

- **Plan**
- **Path**
- **Power**

Practice Praising Him in the Storm

End Part 1

- When the Bottom Drops Out - Revisited
- **Matthew 14:22-33**
- ***“Assurances We Can Count On”***

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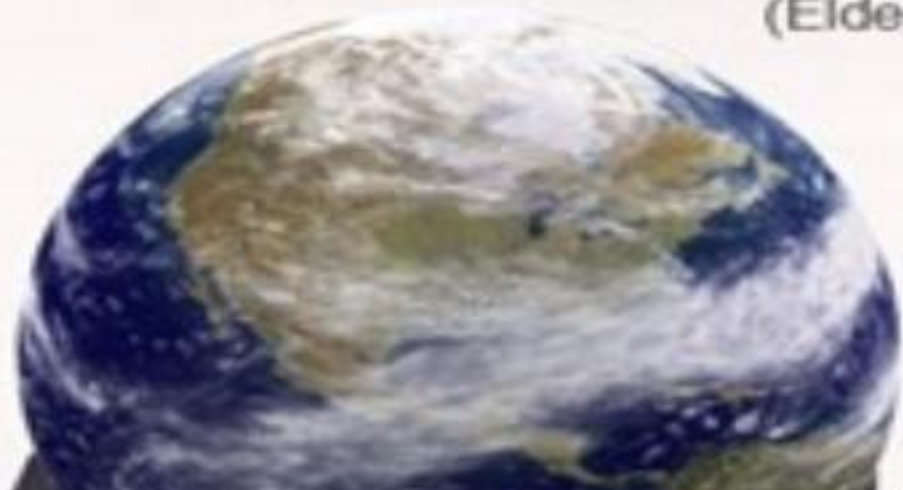
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**Spiritual Warfare
10% Satan's Tactics
90% How We Respond
Remember... With God We Are Not
Helpless
Hopeless
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**And All of the Innocent
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May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! ² May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! ³ May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah* ⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! ⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions! ⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. ⁸ They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright. ⁹ O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

Repeat

**I Lift My Offering to You
Let It Please You Oh Lord
This is My Seed
Although It Leaves My Hand
It will Never Leave My Life
You Will Multiply It!**

Accept My Seed Oh Lord!

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It was at the end of the year, and a kindergarten teacher was receiving Xmas gifts from her pupils. The florist's son handed her a gift. She shook it, held it overhead, and said, "I bet I know what it is. Some flowers." "That's right" the boy said, "but how did you know?" "Oh, just a wild guess," she said. The next pupil was the sweet shop owner's daughter. The teacher held her gift overhead, shook it, and said, "I bet I can guess what it is. A box of sweets." "That's right, but how did you know?" asked the girl.

"Oh, just a wild guess," said the teacher. The next gift was from the son of the liquor store owner. The teacher held the package overhead, but it was leaking. She touched a drop of the leakage with her finger and touched it to her tongue. "Is it wine?" she asked. "No," the boy replied, with some excitement. The teacher repeated the process, taking a larger drop of the leakage to her tongue. "Is it champagne?" she asked. "No," the boy replied, with more excitement. The teacher took one more taste before declaring "I give up, what is it?" With great glee, the boy replied, "It's a puppy!"