

When the Storm Has Passed But the Pain Remains

THE STORM
HAS PASSED.
AND I SURVIVED.

Psalm 34:17-19

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Forgiveness: Countering the Sacred

LIFE'S
ROUGHEST STORMS
PROVE THE
STRENGTH
OF OUR ANCHORS



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But Now You're Left With Silence

- **Questions**
- **Wounds that Don't Show**

You feel your strength in
the experience of pain.

Jim Morrison

Theres A Quiet Ache That Follows The Chaos

Here's the Truth:

You Are Still Held

By Grace

By Love

By The God

Who Never Left



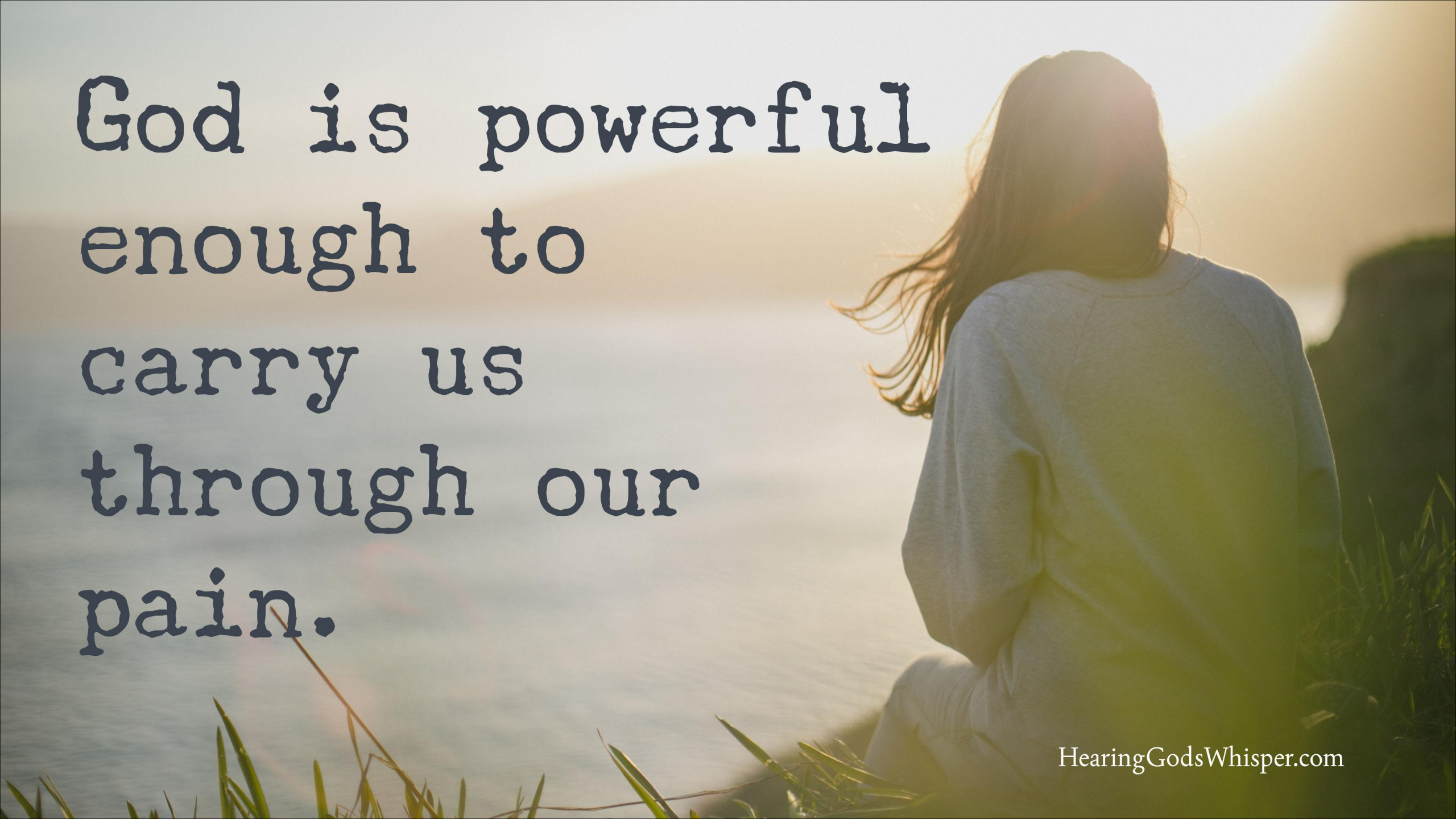
Be strong

because things will get better.
It may be stormy now, but it never
rains forever.

My Dear Valentine ♥

God Was There — Even When You Couldn't Feel Him

- **In the Middle of Your Trial...**
 - ...You May Have Felt Abandoned**
 - **But Silence Is Not Absence**
 - **God was There...**
- Holding, Watching, Weeping w- You**

A person with long, dark hair is seen from behind, sitting on a grassy cliff. They are looking out over a vast body of water towards a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and a warm, golden glow across the entire scene. The person is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt. The grass in the foreground is dark and silhouetted against the bright light.

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enough to
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through our
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Even in your lowest moment...

...you were never beyond His reach



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 - **2 Cor 1:3-4**, *"The God of all comfort...
...comforts us in all our troubles."*

Charles Spurgeon

"When you cannot trace His hand, you must trust His heart."

- **God's Comfort Is Not Based On Your Strength...**
...It's Anchored In His Character

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- **Elisabeth Elliot** *“Suffering is never for nothing.”*
- **God is Redeeming Your Story**
 - **Your Pain Has Purpose**
 - **Your Healing Has Power**





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*"You'll get through this.
It won't be painless. It won't be quick.
But God will use this mess for good."*

The Process May Be Messy, But the Outcome Will Be Good

**GOD KNOWS
EXACTLY HOW MUCH
YOU CAN HANDLE!
TRUST YOUR STRUGGLE.**

You Are Still Held

- **You May Feel Fragile.**
- **You May Feel Tired.**
- **But You Are Still Held —**
- **By The Hands that Formed The Stars,**
 - **By The Heart that Broke For You,**
 - **By The Grace that Never Lets Go.**
 - **Breathe.....Rest.**
- **Let God Comfort You.**
 - **Let Him Remind You:**
 - ***You Made It Through with God on Your Side***