

STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH THROUGH AFFLICTIONS/TRIALS – STORMS OF LIFE!! ([Ps, 119:75](#))

Introduction:

The Love of God as seen through Afflictions and Trials!

Are You Experiencing Storms or Trials or Afflictions or Crisis?

Storms of Correction (Jonah) or Storms of Perfection (Jesus Walks on Water)

Are These Storms Good or Bad? (Increasing your faith – Peter's Denial)

What does God accomplish through these Storms, these Trials?

What does His Word tell us? (Two examples)

Jesus Walks on Water ([Mt. 14:22-33](#))

v. 22 they were in the perfect will of the Lord-they did get into the boat and go to other side!

v. 23 Jesus prayed alone – do you pray alone for hours?

v. 24 contrary winds

v. 25 Jesus went to them – after at least 9 hours! – are you in storms that don't seem to end? He prays for you! He will come to you! He will see you through to the other side! Jesus demonstrates His sovereignty by walking on the very thing that was threatening their lives!

v26. They were fearful, not looking for Jesus, thought He was a ghost

v27. Be of good cheer! Be courageous. It is I!!! Do not be afraid!

Vs. 28,29 Peter goes toward Jesus, walking on water

v. 30 eyes off Jesus, began to sink! Cries out Lord save me!

v.31 Immediately!!! Jesus reached out, caught him!!! O you of little faith!

Why did you doubt? (double minded, duplicity)

v.32 got into the boat – wind ceased – They worshipped Him, recognized Him at the Son of God!! Were greatly amazed! Marveled!! they were at the other side (John)

Peter's Denial of the LORD ([Luke 22:31-34](#))

v. 31 Satan Asks! Sift all of you!

v. 32 But I've Prayed for You, Peter!

That your faith should not fail! When you return, strengthen the brethren!

WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED? Peter was refined, his faith was increased!

**EXPECT STORMS! KNOW GOD HAS A PURPOSE IN THEM-
CORRECTING OR PERFECTING! [Romans 8:37](#) - HE WILL SEE YOU
THROUGH – VICTORIOUS!! OUR FAITH WILL BE INCREASED!!**

If Alter call -

(*Mt. 14:30*) - Trials, boisterous waves, afraid—cry out LORD, save me!
LORD SAVE ME! (*Romans 10; 9-10, 13*)