

Comfort in the Storm

Storms come when least expected, they catch you off guard, blind side you, and catch you unprepared.

Storms stretch your faith, build your trust, and keep you alert.

John 6:16-21

Storms leave us.

- **Too far from the shore.**
Too far from a solution.
- **Too long in the struggle.**
Too long in the court system.
Too long in the hospital.
Too long without a good friend.
- **Too small against the waves.**
Too small and too alone.
No one to help, encourage, support, or even pray.

Storms can dominate our lives and sometimes overtake us.

Sometimes the storms come when it's only you and your faith to count on, and nothing else,

Storms can make you trust deeper or run further.

The literal translation of what Jesus said is I AM don't be afraid, I AM is God's name.

If God had a calling card it would contain the imprint I AM.

His name I AM is the title of steadiness and power.

When we wonder if God is coming, He answers with His name I AM.

When we wonder if He is able, He declares I AM.

When we see nothing but darkness, feel nothing but doubt, and wonder if God is near or aware, His answer to us is I AM.

A praise break helps you to refocus on who He is and how great He is.

Storms try to bring you down, but He Jesus will pull you through.

Isaiah 43:1-3, 5

What storm are you going through that I AM can't calm.

What problem is too great that He can't fix?

The reward of the believer is that our God exist for you and me to love us, help us, and protect us.

How many of you ever told your kids, spouse, or friends not to be afraid? Words of comfort and strength, believe it now for yourself.

Sometimes we need a reminder of the words ourselves, don't be afraid, I AM, has this under control.

There is an end to every storm, ride it out, wait it out, and check Him out in your storms.

Storms don't play fair, but our God does and when He says it's enough, it's enough.

Do you remember the storms from your past, you were not going to make it, remember? Well, you did.

Storms give you experience and maturity for your next storm.

Storms help us to pay it forward to strengthen and encourage others,

II Corinthians 1:3-4

Comfort is like paying it forward, filling a need for a friend with comfort you received.

The words, of encouragement is the hope of comfort and peace.

Don't make Jesus your last resort, but your first resort.

James 1:5-6

Wisdom turns your crisis around and puts you back on track.

In asking, you must believe in what He says, trust in what you should do, and live like you mean it.