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Women's Bible Study

Dancing In The Storm

LESSON 2

SHELTER IN THE STORM

God is already with you in every storm. You just have to recognize His presence. When you call on Him for help, you have to trust Him to send it. His will. His way. His timing in all things.

JEREMIAH 29:11

There seemed to be so many storms in my life that they were crashing into one another. Family, health issues, financial crisis, writing deadlines, and more, were just about to push me under. To say I was struggling, would truly be "putting it mildly."

Visiting grandkids were accompanied by mild chaos, anger issues, and teenage drama. I seriously needed a break. It was like an answer to a prayer when my daughter, Jennifer, asked if I wanted to ride to town with her to pick up a few things.

"I like your t-shirt." A gentleman stood behind me in line.

I looked down to remind myself what I was wearing. It was a red t -shirt worn by the workers at our church. On the front, it says Dewy Rose Baptist Church. On the back, it has a cross and the words, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, Plans to give you Hope and Future." Jeremiah 29:11.

The gentleman said, "I needed to hear that today."

I replied, "Some days, I need to hear it more than once." It was not a flippant answer, but, looking back, it was a selfish one.

The man smiled. "I heard Him speak to me once. He said, 'Trust me.' "



SHELTER

DEFINITION:

Jeremiah 29:111-2
Proverbs 3:5-6
Psalm 118
2 Corinthians 5:7
Deuteronomy 31:6
Psalm 55:22
1 Corinthians 10:13
Nahum 1:75
Romans 86
Psalm 34
Psalm 91·2



STORM SHELTER

"When we know God personally through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, we can have confidence that the angels of God will watch over us and assist us because we belong to Him." Billy Graham

JEREMIAH 29:11 (CONTINUED)

I agreed that we must trust Him and hurried out the door after my daughter. Once in the car, my daughter asked if I knew who the man was. No, I did not recognize him. She told me he was "the man who carries the cross." I had to ask her to repeat it twice because I did not understand what she meant. She told me his story. (I will not print his story here. It is his and not mine to tell.) In trust of God, through a difficult time, this man literally, physically, built a wooden cross and began to carry it all over town. More than a year later, he still carries the cross.

She pointed out the back car window, and I watched as he picked up a huge wooden cross, (I can only guess at 8 ft tall) positioned it over his shoulder, and started walking down the side of the road.

The bottom of the cross had a wheel, and while it probably made movement easier, I am sure it did nothing to take away from the weight of the cross.

Jennifer said, "Mom, there is no telling how many miles he has walked with that cross on his shoulder.

I stated crying. I cried for this man I did not know. He had tried to tell me something important, but I took it as 'checkout-line' conversation. I cried for his trial, yes, but I cried for his service and his trust in God. I cried for his absolute belief that when Christ said, "Take up my cross and follow me," he meant it.

I cried for myself as well. For shame. Faith-versus-Works is an age-old struggle. It is good to do the work our faith calls us to do. However, we must not become so involved in the work that we forget to have faith in God's plan for our lives. His plans are perfect. Neither clutter nor anxiety, nor teenage drama will interfere with His perfect timing. I needed a reminder of this. God sent my reminder to me through a conversation in the check-out line. It was written on my back.

Perhaps, if you are local, you have seen the man who carries the cross many times. I think it was another example of God's perfect timing. I saw him exactly when God used him to speak to me. I think it is important to note that no chance conversation is unimportant. Either someone needs you to speak truth to them, or God is using someone to speak truth to you. Put down your phone, look up, and interact with the people around you. You never know who God is about to send your way. Trust Him to send you an anchor in your storm.

READ: PROVERBS 3:5-6 "______ in the LORD with all thine ______; and _____ unto _____ own In your own words, what is the promise of this verse? *Trust* is one of the most important words in this verse. Explain what it means to you. **READ: PSALM 118** Write: Psalm 118:1 Write: Psalm 118: 4 ______ Write: Psalm 118: 6 Write: Psalm 118: 8 Write: Psalm 118: 14 Write: Psalm 118: 21 Write: Psalm 118: 29 Through the Grace we find in God's mercy, we can survive every storm. We can trust that He will shelter us, love, us, and protect us. The world cries out for Salvation and God provides it. Give thanks to God for His mercy. **READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7** ⁷(For we walk by _____, not by _____:) (2 Corinthians 5:7 KJV)

FEAR NOT

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." (Deuteronomy 31:6 KJV)

Fear is a liar. It upsets our lives. It isolates us and smothers us in anxiety. Fear makes us weak. It turns us into a sniveling cowardly shell of the person God intends us to be.

God's sheltering arms offer us His strength. His truth dispels all lies of the enemy. He will never leave us alone.

God is in every storm. He goes with us through every trial, through every wind, and every rain. He is there. We do not need to fear. We do not need to be afraid. He is always there—leading us, guiding us, protecting us, and loving us, as only God can do.

Trust Him in the Storm. He is our rock and our stronghold.

READ: ISAIAH 41:10 Why shouldn't we be afraid? Why shouldn't we be distressed and overwhelmed? How will God Help us? READ: PSALM 18:2 ²The LORD is my _____, and my _____, and my ______, my _____, my _____ in whom I will ______, and the horn of my ______, and my high _____ (Psalm 18:2 KJV) **READ: PSALM 27:5** ⁵ For in the time of he shall me in his ______ : in the ______ of his ______ shall he _____ me; he shall set me up upon a _____. (Psalm 27:5 KJV) **READ: PSALM 55:22** God is a ______ and a strong ______. What do you think is the difference? **READ: PSALM 56:4** Where do we find answers and put our trust in life's storms? READ: PSALM 34:7

"The _____ cry, and the LORD _____, and

them out of all their troubles." (Psalm 34:7 KJV)

"Preserve me, O God: for in thee do G p	ul my brust."
READ: 1 JOHN 4:16	
And we have and the that God hath to us. God is; and he that dwelleth in dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16	
READ: HEBREWS 6:19	
Write this verse in your own words.	
READ: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13	
Explain how the wonderful promise of this verse gives you hope.	
READ: NAHUM 1:7	_h
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Verse 2: We are free from the law Verse 6: To be spiritually minded in Verse 24: What are we saved by? Can anything separate us from Go	s and
READ: ECCLESIASTES 7:12-14 What is the advantage of knowled	ge?
God made both	and
READ: MATTHEW 11:28	
"Come me, all ye to" (Mathew 11:28	hat and are , and I will give you ; KJV)

"If God be for us, who can be against Us?"

READ: PSALM 34	
Verse 4: What happens when we seek the Lord?	
Verse 6: What happens when we cry out to God?	
Verse 7: What does the angel of the Lord do?	
Verse 15: In what ways does the Lord show His love for the righteous?	
Verse 22: What is the promise to those who trust in the Lord?	

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READ: PSALM 91:2

"I will say of the LORD, He	e is my	and my	:
my God; in him will I	." (Psal	m 91:2 KJV)	

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