



BEING PREPARED FOR THE STORM

We went through it again recently – a big hurricane was approaching our state and folks were out stocking up on emergency items. Like me, you may have found stores out of water, batteries, generators, canned foods, and other emergency items. Even gas stations were running out of fuel as everyone filled their tanks. We have enough experience to know that electric and other utilities can go off and stores can close for long periods of time after a destructive storm. Therefore, officials encourage us to stock up and be prepared in the event that such a situation occurs. Unfortunately, many people wait until the last minute and supplies run out quickly. Those unable to get their supplies will feel anxious about being unprepared!

Being prepared for a hurricane provides good lessons for us spiritually. The devil will bring many destructive storms into our lives. Sometimes we do not even see them coming. Many people do not survive, falling into sin and leaving the faith. This is tragic because the end result of a life of sin is death (James 1:14-15; Rom. 6:23). What emergency preparations should we always have on hand when Satan’s storms come?

POWER – Temptation can make us feel powerless and vulnerable. God provides the power we need when life becomes difficult: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13). The gospel is God’s power unto salvation, now and eternally (Rom. 1:16). Always be supported with God’s power.

LIGHT – When life gets dark and stormy, we need God’s word, a “lamp to my feet, and a light to my path” (Psa. 119:105). Jesus is the light of the world and His light will never go out (Jn. 8:12). Never go anywhere without God’s bright light of truth.



FOOD and WATER – We need these necessities to survive, and Jesus is the bread of life and provides the water of life (Jn. 6:51; 4:14). His shelves are never empty. Fill yourself with spiritual blessings every day!

FUEL – When we feel weary and heavy-laden, prayer is an excellent and unending source of strength to keep us going. Jesus taught that we “always ought to pray and not lose heart” (Lk. 18:1). “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17) and you will never run low on spiritual fuel.

Have you made spiritual preparations? Do it today! *MWG*

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Times of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship	9:50 am
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 pm

“Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice”
– Jesus (Jn. 18:37)