

Facing Storms

Wylie Methodist Church

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[Matthew 7:24-27](#)

“24 Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Through the storm, Jesus provides...

1. PEACE WHEN YOU ARE ANXIOUS

[John 14:27](#)

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you...”

[John 20:19](#)

"Peace be with you!"

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2. POWER WHEN YOU ARE WEAK

[Acts 1:8](#)

“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you”

[2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)

7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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3. PROTECTION WHEN YOU ARE AFRAID

[Psalms 18:2](#)

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.

[John 14:27](#)

“... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

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4. A PLAN AND PURPOSE WHEN YOU ARE UNCERTAIN

[Jeremiah 29:11](#)

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 a future.

[James 1:2-5](#)

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND
ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND