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Digging Deep

THEME: THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

TOPIC: STANDING FIRM IN THE STORM

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TEXT: PSALM 34:19

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all."

INTRODUCTION: The theme for the month of JUNE is THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. We have discussed the path of separation and discernment, the characteristics of the righteous and we were told that the upright is a righteous person living with strong character and integrity. Today we will be focusing on STANDING FIRM IN THE STORM.

Being righteous does not exempt believers from challenges, persecution, hardship, or trials. but our confidence is that God has already ordained our deliverance. Therefore, to stand firm in the storm means to remain unshaken in faith, steadfast in prayer, and confident in God, knowing that no storm is permitted to have the final say over your life.

OUTLINE 1: ENDURING PERSECUTION : 1 PETER 3:14-17. JOB 17:9

The righteous must stand firm with a clear conscience, keep Christ in our hearts, and remain faithful even under pressure. The righteous must respond to persecution with a good conscience, godly conduct and a heart that still pleases GOD.

The storm may be fierce, but the righteous must hold on and grow stronger, not weaker.

1. Persecution is often the price of standing for truth. 1 Peter 3:14-16, Ephesians 6:13-14, DANIEL 6:10
2. Suffering for righteousness is honorable before God. 1 Peter 4:14, Mathew 5:10-12, Acts 5:40-41 and Philippians 1:29
3. Believers must respond to persecution with faith and good conscience. 1 Peter 3:14-16, 1 Peter 2: 19-22, Romans 12:17- 21 and Acts 7:59-60
4. God rewards those who remain faithful under Persecution. Mathew 5:10-12, James 1:12, 2 Timothy 2:12 and Hebrews 10:35-36

OUTLINE 2: THE RIGHTEOUS ARE DEEPLY ROOTED TREES . Jeremiah 17:7-8. Daniel 3:17-18

The righteous is not sustained by what is happening around him; he is sustained by the God who is at work within him. His strength does not rise and fall with circumstances—it flows from his relationship with God.

1. A deeply rooted tree survives drought and storms. Psalm 1:1-3, Jeremiah 17:7-8, proverbs 12:3 and Mathew 7:24-25
2. The righteous draw strength from God, not circumstances. Habakkuk 3:17-19, Isiah 40:29-31, PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13 and 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

3. Spiritual roots are developed through prayer, Bible study, obedience, and fellowship. Psalm 1:2-3, James 1:22-23 and Acts 2:42
4. Faith remains firm even when miracles are delayed.

OUTLINE 3: TRUSTING GOD DESPITE HARDSHIP. Proverbs 10:28, James 1:2-4

Trusting God despite hardship means staying confident in God's presence, allowing trials to mature you, holding on to hope, and remaining steadfast until God turns affliction into testimony. Hardship refines the righteous, strengthen his character, and end in joy for those who remain steadfast in faith.

1. Hardship does not mean God has abandoned you. **TRUSTING GOD** means believing that his presence is still with you even when his hand is not immediately visible. It means that because God is with you in the storm, it cannot have the final say. Isaiah 43:2, psalm 34:19 and Hebrews 13:5
2. Trials produce patience, maturity, and spiritual growth. It means allowing the trial to produce maturity instead of bitterness. What was sent to break you God can use to build you. James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5 and 1 Peter 1 1:6-7
3. The righteous must live by hope not by present circumstances. Proverbs 10:28, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 and Romans 8:24-25.
4. Steadfast trust in God always leads to victory and joy. Joy in trials is an expression of faith in God's sovereignty. Psalm 30:5, Habakkuk 3:17-19 and Job 42:10.

CONCLUSION.

The righteous may face affliction, persecution and pressure, but because he is deeply rooted in God through prayer, the Word, obedience, and fellowship, he does not collapse. He draws strength from God, not from circumstances; he holds on to truth with a good conscience; and he trusts that every storm permitted by God will either produce maturity, reveal God's power, or end in divine deliverance.

The storm may shake his environment but it must not shake your foundation. If your roots are in GOD , Your faith will stand , your strength will rise and your testimony will surely come. Like Joseph, Daniel, the three Hebrew boys, and Job, the righteous must hold firmly to God. Storms will come, but those who trust in the Lord shall stand, overcome, and testify.

Discussion Question

How do we stay righteous when it costs something?

Prayer

Father, strengthen us to remain righteous regardless of the cost. Let every storm become a testimony, and deliver us from every affliction according to Your Word in Psalm 34:19, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.