

GOD, OUR SHELTER IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.

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Proverbs 10:25-TNIV

25 When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever.

AMP - ...but the [uncompromisingly] righteous have an everlasting foundation.

CEV - ...when a storm strikes...God will keep safe all who obey Him.

1. WE CAN BE PREPARED BY MAKING GOD OUR REFUGE.

Proverbs 18:10- CJB

10 The name of Adonai (Lord) is a strong tower; a righteous person runs to it and is raised high [above danger].

Psalms 46:1-3-CJB

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we are unafraid, even if the earth gives way, even if the mountains tumble into the depths of the sea,

3 even if its waters rage and foam, and mountains shake at its turbulence. (Selah) (pause, calmly think of that)

A. TO BE PREPARED FOR LIFE'S STORMS YOU MUST: KNOW WHAT THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT YOUR SITUATION.

Colossians 3:16-AMP.

16 Let the word [spoken by] Christ (the Messiah) have its home [in your hearts and minds] and dwell in you in [all its] richness, ...

Matthew 7:24-TNIV

"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.

Job 23:12-AMP

12 I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed and treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

B. TO BE PREPARED FOR LIFE'S STORMS YOU MUST: STORM-PROOF YOURSELF THROUGH PRAYER.

Isaiah 25:4 –Passion

4 You have been a fortress-protector for the poor, a mighty stronghold for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the sudden storm...

1Thessalonians 5:17-AMP.

17 Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly]; ...

C. TO BE PREPARED FOR LIFE'S STORMS YOU MUST: PRACTICE SELF-CONTROL.

Genesis 28:15-NLT

15 What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you."

James 1:2-Message

2 Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.

3 You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors.

4 So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

"The fruit of the Spirit is...self-control" – Galatians 5:22-23

1Corinthians 9:27-ESV

27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, ...

D. TO BE PREPARED FOR LIFE'S STORMS YOU MUST: DEPEND ON GOD, NOT PEOPLE.

Psalms 118:8-AMP.

8 It is better to trust and take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

- People can go so far; only God will go all the way with you.

2Timothy 4:16-18-AMP.

16 At my first trial no one acted in my defense [as my advocate] or took my part or [even] stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them!

17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the [Gospel] message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was delivered out of the jaws of the lion.

18 [And indeed] the Lord will certainly deliver and draw me to Himself from every assault of evil. He will preserve and bring me safe unto His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen (so be it).