

Preparing for the Storms of Life

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Things to Realize

■ Trials will come

- Paul – illness
- David's – children (incest, murder, rebellion)
- Jeremiah – persecution

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- **We may or may not be delivered**
 - Paul wasn't delivered from his thorn in the flesh.
 - David's children didn't repent
 - Judah never accepted Jeremiah's teaching

Go deeper in our relationship with God

- **When trials came to Job, he was ready**
 - **After Job lost his wealth and children he said, “Naked...(1:21)**
 - **When his wife told him to “curse God and die!” He said: (2:10)**
 - **When looking to the future, he says, “But... (23:10-13)**

When Job was accused of sin

- He defended himself
 - Pure (Job 31:1)
 - Truthful (Job 31:5-6)
 - Just (Job 31:13-15)
 - Right values (Job 31:24-28)
 - Kind (Job 31:29-30)
 - Honest (Job 31:33-34)

Go deeper in the knowledge of God's word

■ Knowledge of God's Word will help us understand that storms have a purpose.

- Testing – Abraham (Gen. 22)
- Purifying – Peter (1 Pet. 1:5-7)
- Chastisement – Hebrew Christians (Heb. 12:5-6)

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■ Treasure up His great promises

- “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb. 13:5)

Go deeper in prayer

- **When Jesus was in trouble, He prayed, “Father... (Matt. 26:36-42)**
- **When Paul sought help in time of need, He asked three times (2 Cor. 12:8-10)**

Develop a deep conviction concerning the next life

- **Jesus, Mary and Martha**
(Jno. 11:21-26)
- **Paul, “I know...”** (2 Tim. 1:12)