**The Storms of Life!**

**Luke 8:19-39**

**The Spiritual Battle of Life!**

**Ephesians 6:10-14** *Finally, be* ***strong*** *in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your* ***stand*** *against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to* ***stand*** *your ground, and after you have done everything, to* ***stand***. **Stand** firm then…

How do we win this battle?

* **Plant** your feet (upon the solid foundation of Jesus Christ!)
* **Stand** your ground (upon the Word of God!)
* **Fight** back (by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit!)

**1 Peter 5:8-9**… Be self-controlled and alert! Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, **standing firm** in the faith…

Satan is **The Destroyer** and from the moment you are born, and particularly the moment you place your trust in Jesus, he is coming after you with everything weapon, he possesses.

Satan is out to destroy every part of our being: **mind**, **body** and **sou**l!

1. The 1st Storm: The storm of unbelief that rages against our **mind**.
2. The 2nd Storm: The storms that rage against our bodies, our families, and our possessions. These storms often wage against your **body**.
3. Types:
4. **Financial storms** like the 1987 stock market crash, or the real estate collapse in 2005 – 2007, or your own personal business failing.
5. **Natural storms** such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods.
6. **Physical storms** such as diseases like cancer, pandemics like COVID 19, famines that are happening all over the world, and wars like the one in Ukraine.
7. **Four truths** about the natural storms of life:
8. They often come **suddenly** and with little **warning**.
9. For believers, these storms are **divine storms**.
10. Jesus **will always be with you** during the storm of life.
11. Believers **should not fear** the storms of life.
12. The 3rd Storm: Satan is out to steal, kill, and destroy your **soul**!

**John 10:10** says, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”

If you are in Christ, then Christ is in you. Jesus is in your boat and with Jesus you have nothing to fear.