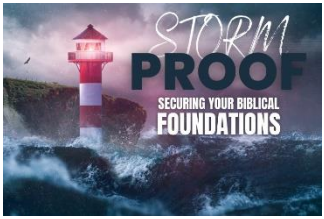
SERMON NOTES



Stormproof! Week 2
"Tornados of Tragedy"

October 13, 2024

What is a tragedy?

" A disastrous event, especially one involving distressing _____ or injury to _____."

What tragedies have you experienced?

How have they affected you?

1. **Tragedies rock our _____ and challenge our _____.**
   a. **Will I _____ God or _____ God?**

- *Job 1:20 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said:*
  "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart.
  The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
  may the name of the Lord be praised."
  22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

   b. **Will I run _____ God or run _____ God?**

Psalm 73:21 When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, 22 I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. 23 Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

c. Will my hope be _____ or my life be _____?

- *Psalm 112:6 Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever. 7 He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. 8 His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.*

2. Tragedies _____ our hearts:

a. Tragedies reveal our _____

- *Luke 12:20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."*

b. Tragedies challenge our _____ of God

- *Hebrews 12:5-7 "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.*

c. Tragedies call us to <u>rep</u>_____ <u>ent</u>.

- *2 Chronicles 7:13 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

3. Tragedies lead us _____ to the Lord:

a. Glorify God in our _____.

- *Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. 17 O my Strength, I sing praise to you; you, O God, are my fortress, my loving God.*

b. Rely on God for our _____.

- *Psalm 40:1-3 "I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him."*

c. Look forward to glory in _____.

- *John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

- *Revelation 7:13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"*
  14 I answered, "Sir, you know."
  And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,
  "they are before the throne of God
  and serve him day and night in his temple;
  and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
  16 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.
  The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.
  17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;
  'he will lead them to springs of living water.'[b]
  'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'[c]"

MY PERSONAL NOTES

Remember: Out of the greatest tragedy came our greatest hope!

***Everyone Outreach Witness Idea**: Everyone experiences tragedy at some point in their lives. Be available to walk with people through the difficulty of tragedy to the certainty of the cross!*

NEXT SUNDAY: Stormproof: Hailstorms of Hurts!

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Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Psalm 23:4

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: