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Rooted For The Storm

We have many hurricanes in Florida, and before every storm there is a time of preparation. The weather bureaus alert us, giving sufficient time to remove debris from the yard, store all patio furniture, and check battery-operated equipment. It pays to be ready!

In life, there are always storms. Our problem is that many times we are not ready. The wind of adversity blows and we are tossed like a leaf in the wind. Who knows where we might land – probably not on our feet.

Yet, devastating news does not have to be devastating if we are rooted and grounded in God. In Him, the storms of life cannot destroy us. The winds blow, the rain falls, and the floodwaters rise, but we are more than conquerors. How is that possible?

One important key is revealed in the Parable of the Sower, particularly by the seed planted on stony ground.¹ The problem with the seed planted on stony ground is that it did not develop an adequate root system. So, when adversity came, it could not survive.

Oh, how important it is to be rooted in the

Word of God. When our mind is renewed in God's Word, we are prepared to face difficulties successfully. We cannot be blown over because our spirit is anchored in Him. However, we must note that this is a daily process. Often, when I am awake during the night, I quote the Scriptures that remind me of God's healing power. I constantly feed my spirit on these promises so that healing and health can rule my life.

Now, I am not planning to be sick. Obviously, you don't "plan to be sick." Instead, here is my plan. I plan to be healthy, and I am meditating in the Scriptures because the proverbs of Solomon declare that the Word of God is health to our flesh. Bible scholars interpret this as "radiant health" or "bursting with health."²

The counsel of Solomon is, "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart."³ Similarly, the psalmist declares that we bear fruit and prosper when we meditate in the Word day and night.⁴ These verses clearly state that man's spirit must be filled with God's Word. The Word of God paves the road to

victory.

Solomon further advises us to diligently guard, protect, and maintain our heart.⁵ We cannot – we must not - neglect our spirit. When the Scripture flows from our heart, we are prepared to confront life's difficulties. In every circumstance, the Word of the living God enables us to overcome.

The Word of God is the power of our salvation and deliverance. When our commitment to God's Word is haphazard, we are like a household with no electricity, no candle, and no match. At our house, it is a big deal to find a match. In fact, there may not be one anywhere. Last year, Wayne and I were relaxing in a friend's cabin at the top of the mountain when the electricity went out. We didn't know how to contact the electric company; we could not see our neighbor's house to determine the extent of the problem; we could not immediately locate the matches to maintain the fireplace; we just weren't ready. But with the Word of God in our heart, we are always ready.

Yet we will have to fight our biggest enemy – TIME. It will be necessary to stand and "having done all, to stand."⁶ However, we are ready! The Word of God lights our pathway; it is the strength of our victory. In Psalm 119: 92, we read, "Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in my affliction." We will not perish! God's Word will cause us to triumph.

In 2014, let's be zealous about God's Word! According to Bible scholars, the word "zeal" means "intense passion."⁷ So let's be passionate about the Scripture. Sickness comes. Loss happens. Gossip develops. Friends may disappoint. Change can be confusing. But, with the Word of God in our heart, we cannot be

defeated!

Jesus said if we would hear his sayings and do them, we would be like a man who builds his house on a rock.⁸ On this rock, the house could not be destroyed even though the wind, rain, and floods beat against it.⁹ Let's build our house on the rock of God's Word! Let's continually hide His Word in our heart. Let's get ready BEFORE we are challenged by calamity. God's Word is our ONLY secure foundation. With the seed of God's Word in our heart, we are prepared to stand against every dilemma. We cannot eliminate life's challenges, but we can stand until victory comes!

¹Mk 4:5 ²Tay;MSG ³Pr 4:20-21 ⁴Ps 1:2 ⁵Pr 4:23 ⁶Eph 6:13
⁷Jn 2:77;Is 9:7;Is 37:32 NLT ⁸Mt 7:24 ⁹Mt 7:25

In 2014—

Let's dream God's dream.
Expect His miraculous intervention
Follow His plan
Read His Word
Yield to the leadership of His Spirit

In 2014—

Let's be a doer
A good Samaritan, full of compassion
A workman, who is not ashamed
A voice, crying in the wilderness
A servant filled with the Spirit

In 2014—

Let's worship our King
Honor His name
Expect His presence
Lift holy hands
And sing with a triumphant voice

In 2014—

Let's make this a year to be remembered!