

PEACE

in the Storms

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"For I know the plans I have for you, 'declares the LORD,' plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

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Remember God's Past Faithfulness

IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO

stand still during a tough time, but to keep moving forward.

Moving forward is how God changes us and our circumstances. It is also very difficult to do. How tough it is to move past the initial anger of "Why did this happen to me?" and "This is not fair."

Remembering how God has brought me through past storms helps when facing the present storm. It creates a sense of anticipation of what God is going to do. Remembering past faithfulness helps our confidence and increases faith in God, by remembering what He has done in the past.

If you want God to work more through your trials, thank Him for what He has already done for you.

Count your blessings. Focus on how He led you through past trials. Anticipate how God will lead you again. Celebrate how God will use the circumstance to bring glory to Him and change you in the process.

God does not get you out of troubles but does promise to strengthen you to go through them. Do you remember times like this in your life? At the time we are at our weakest, feeling defeated, we must discipline ourselves to thank God for what he has already done in our lives and will do again.

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Offer prayers like:

"God, You have guided and sustained me through tough times before, and I expect You to do it again. Show me Your glory. I know You are at work. I cannot wait to see how. Allow my tough times to bring more glory to You. Use these tough times to mold me as You wish."

When we count our blessings and remember the ways God led us through past trials, our current problems have less of a presence in our lives. We don't care so much anymore about the why, and we can move forward a little easier. God was faithful before and He will be again. "Why" is not really important. We cannot wait to watch Him work. Remember, this is not your first storm and it won't be your last.

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