

Going Through the Storm- Lillyan Jiles

You can get through anything with the right support.

God doesn't change our situations; He changes our perspectives.

John 16:33.

"I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulations. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

How to stay in Jesus while going through your storm.

1. **Prayer.** Pray without ceasing. Stay in constant conversation with God.
2. **Read your Bible.** Believe in your Bible. Believe it as if your life depended on it. Because it does.
3. **Worship.** Worship is a weapon. Sometimes in the storm, we find it hard to worship because everything's terrible. Go back into your memory bank and begin to worship God for the stuff He has done for you in the past, and the Holy Spirit will take it from there.

There are blessings in the storm, because our God is a Giver first and foremost.

Isaiah 43:1-3 "But now this is what the Lord says, who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name, and you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you pass through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

1. Verse 1 the Lord says, "fear not for I have redeemed you." This word "redeem" means I have gained possession in exchange for payment. You find your worth in the storm. We belong to Him. God has paid a mighty high price for us because we are major to Him.
2. Verse 2 says, God will not let the waters nor the fire overtake us. In the storm is God's opportunity to show us that we can count on Him. Those promises don't only give hope on the mountain top, but they are foundational in your storm. It's only after a storm you can say I tried Him for myself, and He is the real thing. Your testimony is cultivated in the storm.
3. Verse 3, God says, "I am He the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Not only do you belong to Him, but He belongs to you. This is a mutual relationship. Always look to Him in time of trials and tribulation. Think about your closest relationships in life, it's with people you've gone through stuff with. Storms solidify a relationship.

Your storm season won't last forever. And who you are on the other side depends on how you weather the storm.

Fade-Resistant Genes- Stephen Jobe

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

The old covenant that God had with His people faded away over time. It was limited. But the glory of the new covenant in Jesus never fades away! It actually increases over time as we respond to and cooperate with the Spirit.

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord – who is the Spirit – makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

The glory of the new covenant is better than the old. It is fade-resistant!

1. Before Jesus came, there was a DECREASE of the Spirit of God.
2. When Jesus came, there was a RELEASE of the Spirit of God.
3. Now that Jesus has ascended to heaven, we can experience an INCREASE in the Spirit of God

What has taken place, what is currently taking place, and what will take place in the future for those who follow Jesus?

- 1) The Spirit has FREED us from the past.** The Spirit has removed the “veil” that hung over us and kept us from seeing and receiving the love of God. He has given us a free gift!
- 2) The Spirit is FREEING us in the present.** But not only has the veil been removed. We can also “see and reflect the glory of the Lord” in the present!
- 3) The Spirit will FREE us more as we walk with him.** Finally, the Spirit is making us more and more like Jesus! In Romans 8:29, Paul writes that God is “conforming us to the image of his son”!

God has set us free. He is freeing us. And he will continue freeing us as we walk with him! We have been adopted into his family and have been given the Spirit. His genes in us are fade-resistant! We have the hope of becoming more and more like Christ over time! And one day we will be LIKE him, for we shall see him face to face!