



## The Storm

Devotion

*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).*

A storm is raging. My heart is pounding. My thoughts are bouncing here and there. I am praying for my family, my friends, and all whose lives will be changed by this storm because lives will be changed. People of all ages will be affected. Even the young will grow weary. Lord, what can I do? What can anyone do while the storm works its destruction?

And then, the Lord showed me in His Word, when even the young stumble and fall, all *who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31)*. These are words to cling to when the weariness of the storm sets in.

Jesus' disciples had the benefit of being with Him night and day for three years. They saw Him raise the dead, give sight to the blind, heal the lepers, and feed 5,000 people with only a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Then what did they do when a storm suddenly came upon them? They asked Jesus if He didn't care about them as they might drown because of a storm! Where was their faith? Why were they so terrified? Jesus was right there with them! (See Mark 4:35-41.)

Jesus is also with us through the storms of our lives as He was with His disciples, even when we feel our faith is weak and we are terrified of what lies ahead. Jesus stilled the storm surrounding the disciples and will still our storms as well. His love for us will allow for no other response.

Many years ago, I learned a song based on the verse above. The conclusion of the song was, "Teach me, Lord, teach me, Lord, to wait." Waiting is hard, especially when we are anxious. What can we do while we wait for the storm to pass? We can pray for others. We can be the hands and feet of Jesus to help those who can't help themselves. We can share the love of Jesus in our words and actions in whatever place the Lord has put us. May God give us a servant's heart as we wait out the storm.

Prayer: Lord, grant us your strength as we pass through the storms of life. Give us peace from anxiety as we wait for each storm to pass. Point us to others who need us to be Your hands and feet. May all we do reflect Your love for us. Amen.

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