

## Staying Strong in the Storm

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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him & said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" **John 1:29**

"Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, & bear a Son, & they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God is with us'." **Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:23**

### Salvation - Are you born from above?

"Jesus said, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.'" **John 3:16**

"Jesus answered & said to Nicodemus, 'Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again [from above], he cannot see the kingdom of God...' Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born of the water & the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born by the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.'" **John 3:3 & 5-6**

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes the Father except through Me.'" **John 14:6**

### Sanctified - Are you growing up like Jesus?

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." **Romans 5:1-5**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied & years of life will be added to you." **Proverbs 9:10-11**

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear & trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will & to do for His good pleasure." **Philippians 2:12-13**

### Steadfast - Are you standing in Jesus & about your Masters business?

"But this I call to mind, & therefore I have hope: 'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in Him.'" **Lamentations 3:21-24**

"Paul & Barnabas, strengthening the disciples in Antioch & encouraging them to remain true to the faith, said, 'We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.'" **Acts 14:22**

### Sent - Are you praying & going to the world with the good news of Jesus?

"And Jesus came & spoke to them [his disciples], saying, 'All authority has been given Me in heaven & on earth. Go therefore & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son & Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; & lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" **Matt. 18-20**

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints or grows weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, & those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint & be weary, & the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run & not be weary, they shall walk & not faint." **Isaiah 40:28-31**