Hurricane Helene



What Did We Learn From The Storm?

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It is possible to know and love God yet not understand the choices He makes.

Psalm 56

(3) When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

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The reason that the loss of something good is so painful is because, in our core being, we know that God is good. Yet this good God has allowed us to lose something good.

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Genesis 1

(10) "It was good."

repeated in v. 12, 18, 21, 25, 31

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The Goodness of God

His love for creating beautiful and perfect things.

His love of giving us things that bring us pleasure and joy.

Genesis 2

(17) you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die

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Genesis 3

(6) When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3

(8) they hid from the Lord God.

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Romans 8

(32) He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8

(35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...(36) we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." (37)...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us...

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Acts 8

Phillip the evangelist meets a high-ranking official from Africa

Acts 8

(quoting from (Isaiah 53)

(32) "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter...(33) In his humiliation he was deprived of justice...For his life was taken from the earth.

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Romans 8

(28) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

The very worst sin that's ever been committed was the murder of the Son of God. The very best thing that's ever happened on this planet was the death of the Son of God.

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And if God can make the worst thing the best thing, He can make your disappointment, even your sin, even your foolishness, work together for good.

God has granted you a unique road to heaven. There are turns in your road, there are hills, and there are valleys. There are mountain tops where you have a wonderful view. There are dark valleys where it's cold and awful.

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There's a unique journey for you, and every turn of the road, every high point, every low point is all decided by the same love which loved you in the first place. All things work together for good. - Stuart Olyott

Even though the building is dark and the felled trees still lean – entangled in what we call and depend on as power – we are triumphantly holding fast to the tallest tree of meek power as the body of Christ leans out on our behalf from Golgotha.

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This Helene is a Good Friday messenger. We are shown mercy and grace because of Jesus, being our Tree of Life, is mangled and twisted upon that crucifix tree of death.

The surest hurricane of God's wrath is put upon him for you and for all of us. We praise the matchless name of Jesus because He did not employ His authority - to be contrary to the Father - and tell this hurricane of wrath, "Peace, be still!"

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He became the lighthouse consumed in the tidal wave and we, the ships out at sea, see the light and can come home even being so near to the deadliest judgment waters.

- Ryan Hammet

Isaiah 55

(8) "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. (9) "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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Psalm 139

(16) Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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Acts 17

(31) For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

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Hebrews 13

(3) Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

The greatest pain in the world is to feel hopeless and alone. This seems to be Satan's most powerful weapon. The one thing that can overcome the darkest sorrow is the presence of supernatural love.







