OCTOBER 30

"THE STORM YOU'RE IN IS NOT UNDER YOUR CONTROL, IT'S UNDER YOUR FATHER'S CONTROL."

READ

Luke 8:23-25, Acts 27:22-25

At times all Christians feel there is no hope. That doesn't mean you're a second-rate Christian. It just means you are going through life. You're trying to get from one point to another, and God is overseeing every bit of it. Take heart — God knows what He is doing. You say, "Why should I take heart? I don't know when this storm is going to be over. I don't know what the outcome will be." The winds are blowing, the boat is filling with water, and you're losing hope. But God takes care of His people. When you can't even take care of yourself, God does. God held you first, loved you first, saw you come into the world, and He's not going to forsake you now. He will uphold you by His power and love. The storm you're in right now is not under your control, it's under your Father's control. Even the winds and water obey Him. That's why you should take heart.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, shift my eyes from the storm to Your strength. You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You. I fix my mind there, this day.

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