

SEPTEMBER 9

“HERE AND NO FURTHER.”

READ

I Corinthians 10:13-16, Job 38:8-11

Imagine you're at the beach. The sun is rising. You can hear the pounding of the surf. God told Job, "Why do you think the waters go no farther than they do? Because I put limits on them, I'm the one that said you can go this far and no farther." God put limits on the ocean, so it wouldn't wash all the sand and the flora and fauna into the deep. God has put limits on what has come against you. Whatever it is, it will not be able to do any more than God allows. It cannot destroy you. He says, "Here and no further." Stop looking at the problem and look for the way of escape: Jesus. He will get you through this. Scripture teaches us that when we walk through the waters, they will not overwhelm us, and when we walk through fire, it will not burn us. So, there isn't anything to be upset or distraught about today. Remember those ocean waters: they can only go so far. Whatever you are going through right now is constrained by God. He has set the limits, and He has the final word.

PRAY

In the storm I praise You, Jesus, that You are still in the boat. Even the winds and waves obey You. In the furnace, I remember that You are the fourth Man in the fire. You are on my side. I will not fear.

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