

Big storm

I saw no way out

Prayer

Fasting

Reading the Word

Worship Sessions

Silence

Fellowship

The wrestling was relentless

It became a faith issue

Then a storm comes

This is the biggest umbrella I can get

If my umbrella isn't big enough to get me through the storm then there is definitely something more available to me

1 Corinthians 10:13

And God is faithful: He will not let you be tried beyond what you are able to bear, but with the trial will also provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Romans 8

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

1 Peter 5:10

In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

I had a major identity crisis

Who am I?

I am His kid

Stop doing and start being

My actions/doing/working flows out of being His

Then the storm comes

I no longer have the responsibility to navigate the storm...I just have to let Him lead

He has ultimate authority in my life

Matthew 21:23

When Jesus returned to the Temple and began teaching, the leading priests and elders came up to him. They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?"

This is the fundamental question of every single one of our hearts
By what authority does God get to take over my life?

The sacred God in our culture is found at the altar of "ME"

"Do I get to do what I want to do?"

If anyone challenges what I feel is right then they are not letting me be free

So when Jesus steps into your life, now the Bible becomes the standard

Sex and money and relationships and retirement

And it is for your own good

If there is no challenge in your heart of you being the ultimate authority in your life you have to ask yourself "Am I really his?"

Hebrews 12:8

If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

Hebrews 12:11

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

What are the transcendent things worth sacrificing for?

Joy you would never know is found in giving up one freedom to submit to the right authority

Matthew 21:28-32

A man with two sons told the older boy, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' The son answered, 'No, I won't go,' but later he changed his mind and went anyway. Then the father told the other son, 'You go,' and he said, 'Yes, sir, I will.' But he didn't go. "Which of the two obeyed his father?" They replied, "The first." Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do. For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live, but you didn't believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Many 'Christians' look the part and say the right things but don't do the will of the Father

The other group is the people that know how messed up they are apart from God and though they aren't perfect, they do the will of the Father

This is one of the best things about Life we are messed up and many of us took the long road but we are His kids and we do the will of the Father

We depend on the grace of God not our ability

When we take Jesus as the authority we get freedom in a way that we could have never imagined

When we stop doing and start being every storm loses its power