

Spring Storms

We have had a few spring storms this year. With the storms have come pictures of rainbows. Rainbows bring us such hope and are reminders of God's promises to us. We may go through turbulent times in our personal lives, in our country, and even sometimes in our churches but always there is God's promises. When God could stand the earth and its inhabitants and their evil no longer, he flooded the earth and saved only a righteous Noah and his family and the animals of the earth to begin again. But then he gave us a promise. He made a rainbow in the sky as a sign. A sign that never again would he destroy the world.

Genesis 9:12-13, 16 And God said, "This is a sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come; I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on earth.

God then sent us another promise in the form of his son, Jesus Christ. A promise to not abandon us, that he is with us.

Matthew 28: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

We are all going through tough times now; a time of wars, of uncertainty, of changes to the economy, even nature has unleashed its fury on us with floods, forest fires, natural disasters, and we have personal tragedies. We face surgeries, personal loss of loved ones, illness, family trials, aging and maybe a sense of isolation. Whatever your trial or my trial let us remember God's promises that he has not left us alone. He walks with us and will not leave us alone.

Lord, be with those who are facing difficulties in their lives. May they feel their fellow Christians lifting them up and supporting them in your name. May they feel your presence in their lives. I thank you Lord for those you have sent to me who support me and give me your love and help me live every day with gratitude for your blessings. Amen.

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