



## What Storms Teach Us

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**Big Point:** Storms teach us how unprepared and exposed we are up close

**Note:** Warren Buffet said, "It's only when the tide goes out that you discover who's been swimming naked."

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 11:22–28

22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. 23 Are they ministers of Christ?—**I speak as a fool...**

### I. Storms Teach Us How Tough We Are (Paul was tough)

1. I am **more** (v23)
2. **in labors** more abundant,
3. in **stripes** above measure,
4. in **prisons** more frequently,
5. in **deaths** often.
6. From the Jews **five times I received forty stripes** minus one (v24)
7. **Three times I was beaten with rods;** (v25)
8. **once I was stoned;**
9. **three times I was shipwrecked;**
10. **a night and a day I have been in the deep;**
11. in journeys often, (v26)
12. in perils of **waters**,
13. in perils of **robbers**,
14. in perils of my own **countrymen**,
15. in perils of the **Gentiles**,
16. in perils **in the city**,
17. in perils **in the wilderness**,
18. in perils **in the sea**, in perils among **false brethren**;
19. in **weariness** and **toil**, (v27)
20. in **sleeplessness** often,
21. in **hunger** and **thirst**,
22. in **fastings** often,
23. in **cold** and **nakedness**—
24. besides the **other things**, (v28)
25. what **comes upon me** daily:
26. my deep **concern for all the churches**.



## **II. Storms Teach Us How Prepared We Are For The Unexpected (Matthew 25:1-13)**

**Question: Have you been guilty of these mistakes?**

- Not **deciding** in advance
- Not **investing** in advance
- Not **saving** in advance
- Not taking **responsibility** for your life in advance (some people can't help you)

## **III. Storms Teach Us We Don't Get to Keep All of Our Stuff**

**Matthew 6:19-21**

**19**“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;**20**but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## **IV. Practical Questions You May Have About The Storms (What Causes Hurricanes?)**

1. Some say the warming of the oceans or global warming
2. Some say we have been bad stewards of the planet
3. The evidence I have seen makes me believe something in our environment is going wrong. We need to work together and try to figure it out.  
(**Matthew 12:25**, “A kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.”)