

Christmas Is ... God With Us
Part 3

*Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel, which means, God with us! **Matthew 1:23***

KEY THOUGHT:

Never Allow The Presence Of A Storm To Cause You To Doubt The Presence Of God

20** When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. **21** After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. **22** But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. **23** Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me **24** and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' **25** So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. **Acts 27:20-25

*Everybody else deserted me. "No one stood by me. "But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength. **2 Timothy 4:16-17***

*I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken for He is right beside me. **Psalms 16:8***

Real Peace Is Not Found In The Absence Of A Storm
Real Peace Is Found In The Presence Of Jesus

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart for I have overcome this world. **John 16:33**

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. **Hebrews 13:5-6**

My faith is not in the boat. My faith is in the One who commands the wind and the waves. My faith is not in the ship. My faith is in the One who created the trees that made the ship. I have faith in my God that it will happen, that He will see us through, that He will be my deliverance, that He will provide, that my God will bring healing, that in the middle of the storm I will experience His peace. I have faith in God that it will happen.

Bottom Line:

You Can't Control The Storm
But You Can Control What You Believe And Where You Put Your Faith

God is our shelter, always ready to help in times of trouble. We will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken, and the mountains fall into the ocean depths, even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by violence. Psalm 46:1-3

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