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Write or call us.

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Jan 28, 2024 - v27n01 - “Storms” ...

Several things to start MY new year off. ... (1) This starts the 27th year of sending out this
“letter.” (2) I (Rich) have taken TWO falls - in the garage , head first into the steps, then, down
onto the concrete floor. Both of those landed me in the Emergency Room at the hospital. The
second one has followup appointments with doctors. - Enough. - The 3rd was a radio
program. Marie was driving, I started taking a few notes.

“You never have to be afraid of His storms.” --- My storms were events that landed me
in the E.R. The good that comes out of that ... ‘My story’ is that God knew I was going to get
involved in a ‘project’ that would put boxes of stuff in our garage for someone else, and I would
catch the corner of a box with my toe, and I would go down face-first into the steps. So, 12 years
ago He brought my mother-in-law to live with us; about age 85 at the time, I think. We had the
3 brick regular steps with sharp brick edges covered with small wood 3-inch steps with rounded
edges. I didn’t break my skull, (hitting the brick could have been deadly) but my face did get
pretty bruised up. I looked like I’d ‘lost the fight.

My second fall landed me in the ER again, the MRI of my shoulder looked pretty bad. Then
2 doctors offices. and they don’t want to do major surgery, both think maybe some physical
therapy will strengthen what’s left of my shoulder. The second doctor visit, the next day, was at
the local Veterans Administration clinic. They said the same and will do the physical therapy,
AND neuropathy therapy, and Tai chi (from Wikipedia: tai chi has practitioners worldwide and is
particularly popular as a form of gentle exercise and moving meditation, with benefits to mental
and physical health).

I look at that as He getting me into treatment to give me better balance. AND through the VA,
it’s at no cost, compared to paying. -- Roughly 6 months ago, a friend said, ‘You should check
with the VA. The Army just admitted to using Agent Orange not only in Vietnam but also in
South Korea. You were there in 69 and 70, right? -- THAT got me started with the VA over the
last 4 or so months. - Sometimes He arranges decades in advance for our needs

SO.. I look at all this as God KNEW, over 50 years ago that all this would happen and He
arranged my protection and treatments for my EVENTUAL GOOD/BENEFIT.

Now back to the radio preacher..

‘A storm can be because of your sin. - Consequences. - A storm can be to put you on a right
course.’ - In MY case I think He is protecting me, and then steering me to a resource that will be
beneficial - At my age, doctors and all that can get a bit expensive. Now, and forward, the VA will
take care of a LOT of those expenses for us.

Maybe you have storms. On our webpage is a ‘draft’ of a book about one of my Math students
at a university. She made choices that led her far down the path of drugs and alcohol. After
several rehabs... she Oded again, 10 days after she turned 29 she died. Just a couple weeks
before that she accepted Jesus at her kitchen table with me. We had stayed in touch for about 10
years through the C&WC and occasional emails. Her last words to me were, “We have to write
my story so others won’t make the same stupid choices I did.” Her story / book can be accessed
at www.CrimsonWhite.org. On the opening page is a link for the story / book, **“I COULD BE THE
POSTER CHILD” FOR WHAT NOT TO DO IN COLLEGE, DON’T DO ALCOHOL, DON’T DO DRUGS** Her dad
asked me to do a eulogy at her memorial service, that’s at the end of the book,

Even prison... Over 300 copies of the C&WC go into prisons in 22 states. 2 inmates are ‘lifers’
that lead Bible studies now... that I know of... and at least one more that changed his life and his
eternity in prison. That’s where they met Jesus.

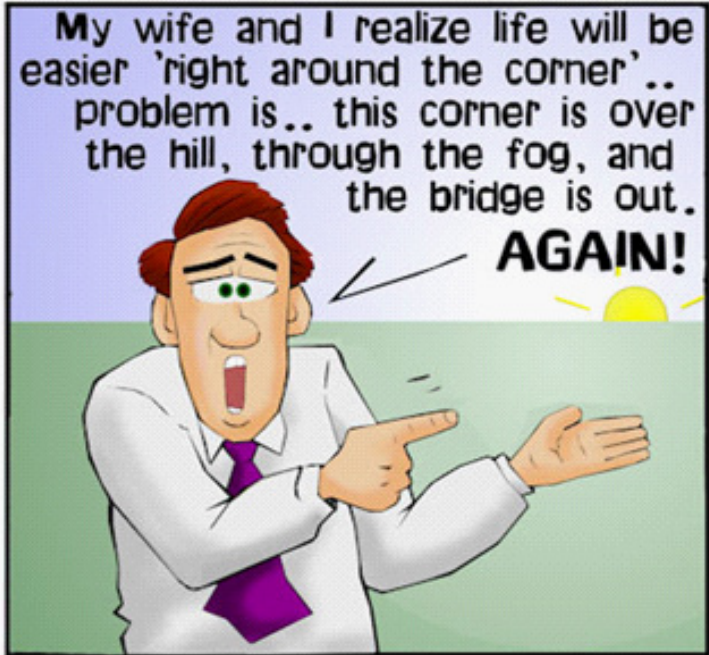
. Matthew 14 - Jesus saw them in their storm on Galilee. ... And calmed the storm.

In the storm, He’s praying for YOU, He will come for you.

Exodus 14:21 the wind blew all night... to make a path for them. Jesus will come to you (but
we often don’t recognize Him).

Romans 8:28(KJV)..we know that all things work together for good to them that love God
So that is my “teacher” lesson for you today.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Does life ever feel this way to you? Remember
in these times. **Romans 8:28**

Do you have a relationship with
God where you know He has
accepted you just as you are? A
relationship like with a loving
father? If not, call me at 336-
908-3652.;or call 1-888-NEED-
HIM; or call your Chaplain or
Pastor. – With God, you have
never gone too far to return.

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**NIV: And we know that in
all things God works for the
good of those who love him,...**
***The Message: That’s why
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detail in our lives of love for
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[You can choose to stay
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