

God's Wonderful Protection

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We often hear in lessons, sermons, and even in casual conversations how wonderful God is. But sometimes, with all the busyness of life, we don't truly appreciate or understand how true that statement is.

Last night I was reminded of this in a powerful way. Stephanie called and told me what happened with their house during the storm. In my mind, I pictured a small tree that had fallen and caused some minor damage. But when I pulled into their driveway and saw the huge oak tree laying across a flattened house, it took my breath away. As I walked up closer, I was reminded again just how wonderful and amazing our God is. There is no doubt in my heart that He wrapped His arms around Marjory and protected her as that massive tree came crashing down. Sure, she is a little banged up, but she is alive. She is still able to lift her voice and be a witness for Christ, and for that we are truly thankful.

Psalms 91:4 says, "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler." That verse came alive for me as I stood in front of what used to be their home. The house was gone, but God's protection was not. The storm showed its strength, but God's strength was greater still.

Moments like these remind me that God's goodness is not just something we talk about on Sundays. It is real, it is present, and it shows up even in the darkest and scariest situations. Sometimes His protection means delivering us out of harm's way, and sometimes it means sustaining us through the storm itself. Either way, His presence makes all the difference.

I can't help but think of Lamentations 3:22-23: "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." When I saw Marjory standing there, shaken but alive, I thought to myself, "Lord, Your mercies really are new every morning."

Life can feel overwhelming with its storms, both literal and figurative. But the next time we hear someone say how wonderful God is, maybe we will pause and let it sink in a little deeper. Because He is wonderful, He is faithful, and His hand of protection is still at work today.