## **Hope in the Storm**

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Life has a way of hitting hard sometimes. The weight you're carrying right now may feel like more than you can bear. The questions, the silence, the pain, it can all seem too much. But in moments like these, when the night feels darkest and the way ahead is uncertain, you are not alone.

The Bible reminds us, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). God sees your tears. He hears the prayers you cannot even find the words to speak. Even when it feels like everything is falling apart, He is still holding all things together.

You may not understand why you're going through this. But you can trust the One who is going through it with you. God does not abandon His children in the storm. He walks on the waves to get to them (Matthew 14:25-27). He does not promise we will never face trials. He promises His presence, His peace, and His power to help us endure.

Paul wrote, "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair... struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). Your current struggle is not the end of your story. God is still writing it, and He knows how to bring beauty from ashes (Isaiah 61:3).

When your strength is gone, lean into His. "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Some of God's greatest work happens in the valley, not to break you, but to build you, shape you, and prepare you for something greater.

So take heart. Keep praying, even if it's just a whisper. Keep believing, even if it's only mustard-seed faith. Keep going, because the same God who brought you this far will not leave you now.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5). Morning is coming. Hold on to Jesus. He is holding on to you.