



In the Eye of the Storm and in the Arms of the Savior.

1. According to the United Nations World Food Program _____ million people in the world do not have enough food to lead a healthy, active life.
2. According to global issues.org:
 - at least 80% of the world lives on less than \$_____ a day.
 - almost half the world - over three billion people- live on less than \$2.50 a day.
 - _____ children die each day due to poverty.
 - nearly _____ people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names.
 - 1.6 billion people- a quarter of humanity- live without electricity.
 - 12% of the world's population uses 80% of its clean water supply.

Jesus _____ the disciples into the sea _____ there would be a storm. (Matt:14:22-24)

Why does the Lord send us into storms? Why do we have to go through difficult situations in our lives?

- **Sometimes, God sends us into storms of life to _____ us. (Heb. 12:3-10)**
- **Always, God sends us into storms of life to _____ us. (James 1:1-4)**

Jesus appeared to the disciples in the sea to _____ them from the storm. (Matt. 14:25-27)

- **In the storms of life, the Lord is _____ of the source of our fear.**

Jesus knew that the disciples were in the middle of a storm. Why else would he have walked to them in the middle of the night?

- **In the storms of life, the Lord is _____ the source of our fear.**

He came to them walking on the water! The very thing that the disciples were afraid of. He is Lord of all!

- **In the storms of life, the _____ of the Lord is the source of our faith.**

Jesus helped the disciples _____ in the midst of the storm. (Matt. 14:28-31)

- **Growth begins with a step of “_____.”**
- **Growth often has _____.**
 - **Our growth is interrupted when we look at _____ instead of Christ.**
 - **Our growth is interrupted when we focus on _____ instead of faith.**
- **Growth requires the Lord.**
 - **Growth involves _____ from the Lord.**
 - **Growth requires dependence on the Lord.**

So why does the Lord send us into storms?

God brings us through storms in life to _____ our faith.

Jesus brings us through difficult situations and circumstances so that we will bow before Him and confess, “Surely, Thou are the Son of God!” He takes us through storms so that we, like Peter, would know that Jesus is the only source of Peace. God brings us through storms because He wants us to grow! He wants us to be strengthened in our faith.

Psalm 55:22 says, “Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.”