

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Withstanding the Storms in Life

Storms happen, whether they be physical, emotional, marital, or financial. This side of Heaven there will be times when you're going to feel sucked in, washed up, and blown away. Regardless of how you navigate your storms, they will define you. Storms have a way of reflecting who we really are. When you choose to navigate to them rightly, they will refine you. They will make you more like Jesus. If we are going to Build a Better Life, then how we navigate storms is vital. *Job 23:10; James 1:3-4; Proverbs 10:25*

3 Keys to Responding Rightly – Ensuring You Have a Lasting Foundation

1. **I must stay COMMITTED to CONNECTING with my spiritual family.**

You cannot do life alone; you need others. What do you do to interact with others? How do you connect with those who don't seem to be connected? Do you see them at church on Sunday?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

2. **I must CONTINUALLY put into PRACTICE everything I have learned.**

The Bible is key to everything in your life. The more you build on Scripture, and with Scripture, the more like Christ you will become. Are you in the Bible every day? If not, how can you create that habit?

Matthew 7:24-25; John 13:17; James 1:25

3. **I must CONSISTENTLY turn my FOCUS to God's greatness.**

You must worship God regardless of what you may be going through. Do you praise God in the middle of your storms? Share with your group your current storm, and find Scripture that encourages you, showing you how great our God is.

Psalms 34:1-3; Matthew 8:24; 1 John 4:4; Isaiah 54:17

Make it Real

- Stay connected to your spiritual family.
- Continually put into practice what you have learned from Jesus.
- Consistently keep God your focus.