

WAITING OUT THE STORMS
1 PETER 1:6-9 / 6-12-19 / WED

I. FIRST, MOST STORMS ARE TEMPORARY.

- A. Peter says this in verse 6—“for a little while.”
- B. This phrase reminds us that most of our problems are temporary.
- C. So what should our response be to the temporary storms of life?
 - 1. There is a saying that goes like this...

**“Don’t sweat the small stuff
 And remember its all small stuff”.**

- 2. Problems, though, especially ours, look huge from our perspective not small at all.

II. SECOND, STORMS DON’T HAVE TO MAKE US MISERABLE.

- A. This is what Peter says in v. 6—“In this you greatly rejoice”...
 - 1. How can we rejoice over our problems?
 - 2. Peter may have been thinking about the benefits of our new birth and salvation which he lists in 1:3-5.

v.3—“In His great mercy He has given us new birth”

v.3—“a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”.

**v.4—and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.
 This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.”**

**v.5—“who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the
 salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”**

- B. Last week we recognized the 75th anniversary of D-Day that started the beginning of the end for Germany, not only in France, but in all of Europe.
 - 1. During World War II, Dr. Victor Frankl was imprisoned in a Nazi Concentration camp where his wife, children and parents were all killed.

2. At one point the guards cut off his wedding ring and Frankl said to himself.

“You can take away my family, you can strip me of my clothes and freedom, but there is one thing no person can take away from me---my freedom to choose how I will react to what happens to me.”

III. THIRD, STORMS CAN HELP US GROW STRONGER.

- A. You may have heard the old saying...

“No Pain, No Gain”

- B. This is the point Peter makes in 1:7.
 1. Peter says problems aren't meant to take the strength out of us.
 2. Instead, Peter is saying problems can put strength into us.
- C. How can problems and storms make us stronger or help us grow in our faith?
 1. First, God gives us strength to match our problems—1 Cor. 10:13.
 2. Second, problems often work out for our benefit—Deut. 23:5, Romans 8:28.
 3. Third, remember that Jesus is with us during the trials of life—1:8-9.