

## AFTER THE STORM

### Day Four: A Stronger Foundation

**Scripture:** *“And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”* — 1 Peter 5:10

Storms have a way of shaking what we thought was secure. The winds test our foundations, exposing what was built on shifting sand versus what was anchored to something solid. Sometimes we don’t even realize how fragile our supports were until the storm reveals them.

When the dust settles, however, something surprising happens: what is rebuilt on Christ often stands stronger than what existed before. This is the miracle of restoration. God doesn’t just repair us; He reinforces us. He gives us a foundation that will not crack under pressure.

Think about a house rebuilt after a hurricane. Builders often use stronger materials, sturdier frames, and better reinforcements than before. Spiritually, God does the same in us. He uses suffering, grief, addiction struggles, financial hardship, or relational loss as the very places where He pours in His strength. What once felt like weakness becomes the testimony of His power at work in us.

The Apostle Peter reminds us that suffering is not the end of the story. After we endure “a little while,” God Himself will restore us. Notice the promise: *He will make you strong, firm, and steadfast.* The storm is temporary, but the strength God builds in us is lasting.

Maybe your storm was the grief of losing someone you love. Through that pain, God teaches compassion for others who mourn. Maybe it was the fight against addiction—God uses that struggle to deepen your dependence on His Spirit. Maybe it was financial hardship that humbled you—God used it to remind you that He is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who provides. Maybe it was a broken friendship—God uses it to show that His love never abandons.

Every storm leaves behind a choice: Will I rebuild in my own strength, or will I let God establish me on His? When we choose Him, our faith becomes like bedrock—unshakable, tested, and true.

💡 **Reflection:** What has your storm revealed about your foundation? How is God using this season to make you stronger and more steadfast in your faith?

🙏 **Prayer:** Father, thank You that my suffering is not wasted. Thank You for using even the hardest storms to strengthen my faith and deepen my trust in You. Build me on the solid Rock of Christ, so that no storm can shake me again. In Jesus Name We Pray, Amen