

LIFE HACKS

Big Idea

The coronavirus is a storm that appeared suddenly and changed our lives. Other storms hit us like a death in our family, a job loss, a doctor's grim diagnosis, a physical injury, a relationship fracture, an emotional crisis, a mental overload, a life change, etc. How can we survive these storms of life?

There is no storm too strong for us to survive when we have God's help, and God's help is always available. This coronavirus storm is affecting our entire world. We need to know how to respond when the storm comes to our life by applying practical biblical principles. Pastor Curt used a storm story from the Bible to teach us how to survive our life's storms and even thrive from them. A storm can be **disruptive** causing our life to change abruptly. A storm can be **discouraging** and exhausting causing us to consider giving up. A storm can be **disorienting** causing us to lose our way. But know this - all **storms are temporary**. No storm will ever mess up God's plan for your life. It is in a storm that we rediscover what is most important to us.

Pastor Curt gave us these principles for how to survive the storm: **You will survive** and can have optimistic courage while in the storm, **God will always provide** what we need to survive. **You need balance to thrive**- there are physical things we can do to give us strength in the storm. **Swim to keep others live**. We can set the example of how to survive giving courage and hope to others to follow.

God is using this storm, this time of uncertainty, to wake us up, to redefine us, to refocus us to get back to the things that life is really all about. Maybe you've lost your pursuit of God in the fog of trying to get ahead, or in a flurry of relationships. God has and is the better way.

Discussion Questions

- Are you currently experiencing a storm? How has it affected you?
- Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." What does it mean to you that Victory Church has a clear vision, mission, and strategy? Do you have a vision, mission, and strategy for your life? How does VC's vision, mission, and strategy fit into the mission, vision, and strategy of your life?
- Going back to the storm you are currently experiencing - what have you done to survive that storm?
- PC described four ways to survive the storm; which one gives you the most hope? Why?
- What is your next step?

Prayer Focus

Father, thank You for being my Healer and Protector. Pray that God will empower you to put the principles we learned into practice and to trust Him and His way regarding every resource He's given you. Thank Him for His sovereignty over our storms and pray for the wisdom and courage to walk through it well.

Next Steps

Spend time reading God's Word and reaffirm your faith with Scripture, rebuking any fear that threatens the peace you have in Jesus. Read Psalm 77 out loud daily. Look for ways to help your neighbors with encouragement, faith, and generosity.

Leader Tip

Encourage your group members to share with the group one of the principles of surviving the storm that they would like to grow in. Have them be prayer partners this week for encouragement and accountability.