

ROUGH WEATHER

Morrie's mom in the hospital. A terrible storm. A power outage. Morrie missing. Can Liz save the day?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Ever-present help.

- 1. Psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." He is always there! Think about a time that you needed God's help.
- 2. In Mark 4:35-41, the disciples faced some rough weather on Lake Galilee. Jesus was sleeping in the back of the boat. The disciples woke him up, because they were afraid that they would drown. Jesus got up and ordered the wind and the waves to be quiet. The wind stopped, and everything was calm. Jesus protected them and they were saved. The disciples didn't know what to think about Jesus' display of great power. As you listen to this episode, think about God's saving power. Do you believe that God will help in times of trouble?

Memory Verse

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

After You Listen

In this episode, Liz has to trust God in order to save Morrie. Have you ever needed to trust God? Have you ever been so worried about something that the only thing you could think of to do was to tell God? If so, then you should meet Abraham and Sarah in <u>Genesis 15-17</u>.

Abraham and Sarah had a problem—they had no children. God told Abraham that he and Sarah would have a son. And in fact, their son would have so many children that one day the number of Abraham's children's children would outnumber the grains of sand on the beach. That's a lot of children! Abraham wanted to trust and listen to God, but waiting took a long time, and Abraham even tried to solve the problem without God. God told them to trust him and wait. Abraham waited until he was 100 years old and Sarah was 90. Then Sarah finally had a baby. Can you imagine how excited Abraham and Sarah were?

Want to dig deeper and learn how to trust God? Check out Psalm 46:5, Psalm 18:2, Isaiah 41:10.

Challenge

We are called to trust God and not worry during difficult times, but that can be hard. Sometimes it helps to have a reminder of God's promises. Have you ever heard of a "worry stone"? It is a small smooth stone that you keep in your pocket to rub with your fingers when you are feeling worried. It can also be a reminder that God is called a "rock" in the Bible because he is so strong and steady. Psalm 62:1-2 says "Only God can save me, and I calmly wait for him. God alone is the mighty rock that keeps me safe and the fortress where I am secure." Find yourself a "worry stone" to keep in your pocket. When you rub it, remember to trust in God's love.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: Why was Morrie staying at Liz's house?

Answer: Because his mom was at the hospital having a baby.

Question 2: What was Morrie worried about?

Answer: His parents' safety when the power went off in the storm and what life would be like with a new baby in the house.

Question 3: What did Morrie do when the lights went out?

Answer: He left Liz's house and tried to get to the hospital.

Question 4: What happened to Morrie as he made his way to the hospital?

Answer: He got swept away in the flood waters and almost ended up in the bayou.

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