



Storm Clouds

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Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” **Matthew 22:37-39 NLT**

Finding Hope

1. Dreams and aspirations _____

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life. **Proverbs 13:12 NLT**

2. God’s plan to _____

A. Expectations - _____

B. Suffering - _____

C. Strength - _____

D. Character - _____

E. Hope - _____

We are full of joy because we expect to share in God’s glory. And that’s not all. We are full of joy even when we suffer. We know that our suffering gives us the strength to go on. The strength to go on produces character. Character produces hope. And hope will never bring us shame. That’s because God’s love has been poured into our hearts. This happened through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:2-5 NIRV

3. _____ walked this path too

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Jesus was coming up out of the water. Just then he saw heaven being torn open. Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on him like a dove. A voice spoke to him from heaven. It said, “You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you.” At once the Holy Spirit sent Jesus out into the desert. He was in the desert 40 days. There Satan tempted him. The wild animals didn’t harm Jesus. Angels took care of him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee. He preached the good news of God.

Mark 1:9-14 NIRV

Next Steps:

- I commit to fighting the storm clouds in my life by choosing hope
- I want to receive prayer today
- I commit to being faithful in the hard times and putting my hope in God
- I will invite a friend to “At the Movies”
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