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Devotion for Week of August 24th 2020

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Prayer, Prelude, and Postlude for a Hurricane

O Lord, our God, may your words live in us as we prepare and respond to this storm.

The winds may roar and the waters may fly horizontally. Your creation is powerful and mighty, but you are mightier still.

To know you is to know your power. To know your power is also to know your great love.

At the same time we confess we feel powerless sometimes. We watch the news. We listen to the experts and officials who tell us when to get out. We don't have to wonder why every commercial is selling a generator, a roof repair miracle product, or even life insurance. So we sit and wait.

We try to prepare. We rush to the stores and get what we think we need: dry goods, large bottled water, crackers, Cheetos, and tuna. We get batteries and we try to find our old lantern in the garage. We hope it is enough.

Our past experiences heighten our fears as we listen to the worst care scenarios on the TV. Fear sells and we happily buy. It can get the better of us, but help us to remember that you are larger than all fears. If you were not, we would have no place for hope.

So we wait. But to wait is also to trust. We trust that nothing in all your beautiful creation-- made and unmade, wind, water, or soil--- is able to separate us from the One who is greatest of all.

Come what may, let our hearts be found singing,

“When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,

When sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,

It is well, it is well, with my soul.” Amen.
