

## PURPOSE OF THE STORM

Man has defined the reason why storms occur. Scientist say that when-ever a cold and hot mass of air collide they create a violent circular action of air resulting in a storm. Man can define the reason why a storm occurs, but he cannot give the **purpose**. Purpose is the “**why**”. Solomon said in Ecclesiastes, “There is a reason for everything under the sun”. So this suggest that the storms that come in our lives have a purpose. The purpose of the storm will be explained in a series of points listed below:

### I. Storms cause **growth**...Ro. 5:3-4

- glory in **tribulations**.....(joyful, embrace the storm)
- **patience**...tribulation worketh patience (they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, mount up with wings of an eagle, run and not be weary, walk and not faint (Is.40:31)
- **experience**....show others what God has done for you
- **hope**....Be ready always to give an answer to every man for the hope that is in you I Peter 3:15

### II. Storms try your **faith**....James 1:2-3

- Count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations .....God uses different storms to try you (death, sickness, loneliness,etc..)
- Trying of your faith....you must exercise your faith in a storm

### III. Storms will make you be **steadfast**...I Cor. 15:58

- Be steadfast in a storm.....drop anchor. Your anchor holds on that solid rock; its Jesus.
- Always abounding in the works of the Lord. In the greek interpretation “abounding” means to have more of, abundance, beyond measure.

### IV. Storms will remove **impurities**... Jb 23:10

- after he has tried me I shall come forth as pure gold