**When Riding the Storm…**

**Point 1: Recognize The Creator** Genesis 1

**Take Away: Nothing exists that wasn’t spoken into existence by GOD!**

* + 1. Acknowledge the sovereignty of God
    2. Ms. Carolyn always saying “…if the Lord wills…”

James 4:13-16

**Point 2: Remember The Cross** Isaiah 53:3-11…

**Take Away: Without the perspective of the cross, suffering makes no sense**

* + 1. The cross says
       1. There’s a purpose that’s greater than your storm
       2. There’s a purpose that may very well REQUIRE your storm
    2. Vs. 10… How does a GOOD PLAN cause GRIEF?... KEEP READING
    3. If I don’t understand the cross, I’m mad at God.
    4. John 16:33… (there will be trouble… take heart)

**Point 3: Recall The Connection** Psalm 119:11

**Take Away: The Word of God is your compass through the storm**

* + 1. When you’re in the midst of a storm, you don’t have time to be trying to figure stuff out!!!!

**IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS**  (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

* + 1. How do I get there?
       1. Meditate on the word… Joshua 1:8…
       2. Abide in the Vine… John 15:1-8
    2. Don’t just abide in the Vine, thrive in the Vine!