

**CYCLONE
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Nearly 710 extreme climatic or geological disasters were recorded last year in the world. Twice as many as the year before!

Cyclones; typhoons; earthquakes; tsunamis; volcanic eruptions; melting at the poles; floods; landslides; heat waves and cold spells; tropical storms; hurricanes...

Forecasters are not optimistic: the number of these natural and unpredictable disasters is increasing year by year, and their frequency is accelerating irretrievably.

Every year, from June to November, the Caribbean region is the victim of devastating cyclones. In the face of obvious threats that these dreaded phenomena represent, to take preventive action is essential.

The planet is suffering! And it's not the only one!

On a more personal level, an individual's life is also the theater of many trials: fears, revolts, injustices, anger, discouragements, threats, troubles, diseases, bereavements... A simple malaise or a great misfortune – we have to admit that nothing is stable and what seems solid and durable can collapse in a short time. A gust of wind and everything is devastated. Our existence can seem like a boat in a storm, and sometimes we are reduced to contemplating our life with a look of desolation.

Without wishing to take the place of ministries responsible for the Environment and Civil Security, the leaflet that you hold in your hands wants on the one hand, to remind you of a few basic rules for preparing and protecting yourself in case of a cyclone; and on the other hand, to give you a word of hope for those who may be going through a personal storm.

After a cyclone, there is often a team strength that drives us to put everything back together. Likewise, there is a reserve of power, from somewhere, to keep us from personally remaining in the impasse. This power opens up the future, an unexpected eternal future.



WHAT TO DO **BEFORE** THE CYCLONE?



YELLOW WARNING

- Regularly consult the weather reports
- Check your reserves



ORANGE WARNING

- Reinforce and protect your home
- Make your final purchases so as to be self-sufficient

WHAT TO DO **DURING** THE CYCLONE?



RED WARNING

- Get to your shelter
- Prepare the safest room in your home



VIOLET WARNING

- Stay inside
- Do not go out on any account
- Wait for instructions from the authorities



GREY WARNING

- Be prudent if you have to go out
- Don't obstruct the highways

We expect from weather reports information that will bring about increased vigilance in light of the risks announced. Do you know that the Bible is a carrier of warnings for vigilance and that it is full of instructions in case of perdition?

When faced with nature in a rage, we need sometimes to humble ourselves and find ways to escape from its anger and its fierceness.

When faced with God, who can't be ignored whatever we think of Him, we need to take stock of ourselves and find in him and with him the way out of the dead-ends in which we are stuck.

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

Acts 17. 30

The Gospel tells the story of a terrifying storm for those who found themselves confronted with its violence. Jesus is in a boat that must cross a huge lake. Most of the men who were accompanying him were professional fishermen; they were familiar with navigation. Resting, or perhaps simply tired, Jesus falls asleep at the stern of the boat. But now the wind gets up and the boat rolls around like never before. Even the fishermen panic. Abruptly, Jesus is awakened and, faced with the threat of sinking, declares to his friends **"Do not be afraid!"**

This surprising recommendation appears 366 times in the Bible. The same command for each day of each year!

In fact, when faced with a fear that is justified, Jesus encourages each one of us to find peace again. His presence must give rise to trust, in other words, faith. Faith is not a religion, rite or ceremony. Faith is to be aware that in the presence of Jesus lives are saved. The disciples cried out, "Save us! We are perishing!" Jesus calmed their anguish at the same time as the storm: **"Have faith! I am here!"**

And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Mark 4. 39

WHAT TO DO **AFTER** THE CYCLONE?

Sometimes the storm does not subside, but Jesus enables each person to be calm in the storm. Because what he offers goes beyond anything that can be powerful and threatening in everyday life. To trust in Jesus is to move into another dimension, that of eternity. The present time, one that threatens or upsets, is nothing in light of Eternity. There is another word of Jesus that we need to hear: **"Follow me!"** Those who have heard this word and have accepted it know, that to follow Jesus, is to construct one's life on his message and his teaching.

It is not wrong to build one's life around family, children, work, goals and successes. However, this is not enough especially as external circumstances can, like an ordinary storm, upset everything!

Some think they are reassured and are confident because they are placing their trust in magic, superstitions, customs or traditions ... These shelters are not dependable. Therefore, it is essential to hear and understand this simple, but such a profound picture that Jesus puts forward:

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

Matthew 7. 24-25

The message of Jesus is not another message, an additional option or an added alternative. It is a message of life far more effective than survival instructions. If the instructions given in case of cyclones are not heard or respected, should you blame the storm for the damages and havoc you would suffer? Warnings are there to save lives. To not hear them would be foolish!

The message of Jesus comes to you in your daily but perhaps chaotic life. That is why this message is a series of advice, recommendations, principles, proposals whose aim is to save everyone in the worst of storms, the one that leads to eternal death. That is, Jesus launches the warning. His message is also a call to hear.

Do not be afraid! Do not be afraid! Follow Jesus. Your answer to his call will be the most important decision of your life here below, and will have repercussions even in the Eternity that is opening for you.

To help you reflect and form your opinion, we have prepared a simple and brief piece of information that deals with the basics.

It is completely free. It has no surprises, except perhaps that of discovering what you have been searching for such a long time.

Do not hesitate to contact the local Christian group whose address is below or get in touch through the websites:

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