

A Marriage Minute™

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.

PREPARE FOR THE STORM



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through by being prepared. You know, stock up on groceries, flashlight batteries, bottled water, etc.

Relationships are much the same. Storms come at the most inconvenient times. Unfortunately, we haven't yet invented Doppler radar to foresee storms in relationships. But if you stop to think about it, there may be ways you can observe the atmospheric conditions, and predict, with some degree of accuracy, a coming storm. Then again, maybe the storm comes out of nowhere, totally unexpected. Whether we can foresee it coming or not, the key to making it through the storm is all about preparation. Are we sufficiently joined together in prayer? Are we sufficiently open and honest with one another about our thoughts and feelings so that no whirlwind in our minds will conjure up vane or hurtful imaginations? Have we made sufficient deposits into one another's love bank so that our account balance is sufficiently high to endure the toughest of storms? Are we clothed in the righteousness of Christ, together, where we can find shelter from the storm?

If we're not anchored in Him the gale force winds can easily blow us away. As long as there is weather there will be storms. Be prepared. Keep your love bank account balances up, stay anchored in Christ, and you will be prepared for the storm -no matter when it comes.

Question for both of us: What are the atmospheric conditions in our home? How can we be more watchful for coming storms? How can we be better prepared?

Prayer for both of us: Lord, help us to be better prepared for the next storm. Help us to be anchored in you together. When the storm comes help us walk in your peace.

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