

## Stormy Times

*One of life's phrases that has always irritated me is 'It's on a need-to-know basis'. This is probably because I have a bad habit of always asking lots of questions in order to ensure I know what's happening ... even when it was not necessary to do so. As a teacher this has been met with a variety of responses from different Headteachers over the years and as a soldier many years ago, only ever with a number of expletives from my instructors.*

*Our theme for this week continues from last week on the theme of faith. The scriptures teach us that if we have a genuine faith in God, then why would we question Him or challenge Him when things go 'wrong' for us. A genuine faith means that we have complete trust that this almighty and all knowing being is in control ... that God knows exactly what is happening and how it will all turn out. Nothing escapes Him. And yet, both the disciples and Job in the readings demonstrate a lack of faith ... and they are in the physical company of Jesus / God. That is what makes it all the more impressive for us. We truly have to believe ... without seeing! And that isn't always easy.*

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### Scripture:

Then the Lord answered Job from the storm. He said: “Who shut the doors to keep the sea in when it broke through and was born? This was when I made the clouds like a coat for the sea.

And I wrapped the sea in dark clouds. It was when I put limits on the sea. And I put its doors and bars in place. It was when I said to the sea, ‘You may come this far, but no farther. This is where your proud waves must stop.’

### Prayer:

Heavenly Father, it is very humbling to realise that Your wisdom and understanding is infinite and unknowable, and yet in Your grace You have shared Your plan of redemption with Your fallen creatures.

Father, when I don't understand the difficulties I am going through, in my own life, I pray that I may trust You in all things and never doubt Your perfect plans and purposes – knowing that You are sovereign, and Your way is best. Help me to live by faith and not by sight – for Your greater praise and glory, in Jesus name I pray,

Amen.

