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1. Family storms –
2. Health related storms –
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### III. The presence of storms are not an indicator of an uncaring God

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**A. The human tendency is to question God's care in the difficult times.**

1. Our eyes can deceive us, but God's promise can never fail.

**2. Christ has taken responsibility to protect us - John 17:12**

**3. Jesus' name means protection** -Yeshua means Yahweh saves.

### IV. Christ shows his care in the midst of our raging storms:

**A. He shows that winds and sea must obey Him – He is the Creator.**

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#### **B. Two question that challenge us to trust Him:**

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