

## Friday - April 8

*Pray constantly. Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (HCSB)*

### The Storm

My friends, family and I were coming back from Yellowstone National Park, and we decided to drive through Nebraska on our way back home (to Columbus, OH). It was a nice drive until we noticed something terrible. We all huddled around Dad's phone looking at the weather app in front of us which showed a bubble of red and purple on the radar. We tuned into the truck radio channel... "80-90 Mile per hour winds... Seek shelter immediately." It repeated this incessant message for a while until we turned it off. "What can we do?" I asked Dad. "The only thing we can do is pray," Dad replied. So, I prayed and prayed. Our car was shaking in the wind, and our friend's camper was carried six feet across the parking lot right ahead of us, but we knew if we prayed, God would save us. The winds calmed. God's hands were wrapped around the car. We made it to a safe resting stop where we slept in our camper knowing that we were protected by God now and always.

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**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, help us to always remember to pray and to ask You to help us. Sometimes life is scary, and we forget that You are always with us. Help us to go to You. Thank you for being with us and protecting us. Amen.