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Obviously in light of Hurricane Milton heading this way, all planned activities at CPF have been canceled. The island is under mandatory evacuation orders as of noon on Monday, October 7. The next page has contact information for our pastors/elders. Pages 3 and 4 is our sermon guideline for Ed's message. Listen with pen in hand.



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Our **text line** may also be available, although our ability to respond may be limited. This is **TEXT ONLY**, it does not accept phone calls: **1-888-858-0716**.

WHY ANOTHER HURRICANE?

1. to educate us in theology
sinfulness of sin and fallen world

Romans 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

image of God and fallen nature

Romans 1:21 ...even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image

2. to prepare us and our children for a life of ministry and mission

Acts 27:1-44 And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, ... the winds were contrary ...we had sailed slowly for a good many days, and with difficulty had arrived off Cnidus, since the wind did not permit us *to go* farther, ...and with difficulty sailing ...considerable time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, ... before very long there rushed down from the land a violent wind, ...and when the ship was caught *in it*, and could not face the wind, we gave way *to it*, and let ourselves be driven along....we were being violently storm-tossed, ...they began to jettison the cargo; ... and on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands....And since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned.

3. to mature us toward Christ-likeness in qualities like:
contentment

Philippians 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

compassion

thankfulness

h_____

James 4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."

¹⁴ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

¹⁵ Instead, *you ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."

¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.

¹⁷ Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

S_____

Mark 10:43 ...whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;

⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

⁴⁵ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

L_____

Galatians 5:22 ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control;...

j _____
p _____
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f _____

2 Corinthians 1:8 ...we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;
⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

h _____

Hebrews 11:16 ...they desire a better *country*, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

4. to provide us opportunity to share the g_____ (Help, Healing and Hope)

1 Corinthians 9:22 ...I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.

²³ And I do all things for the sake of the gospel...

5. to develop the p_____

Hebrews 2:17 ...He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

6. to d_____ spiritual gifts and abilities

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

7. to disciple us c_____

8. to provide opportunity for admiration, appreciation and a_____

9. to grow us in church a_____

John 17:20 "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
²¹ that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

²² "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

²³ I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.

10. to provide t_____ with family and friends

11. to provide n_____ friends and community relationships

12. to train our l_____ (organization and organism/Jesus is Chief Shepherd)

Acts 8:25 And so, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶ But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Arise and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.)