

Answer Key:

What kind of Winds are blowing in your life?

- change
- conflict
- opposition
- trouble
- temptation
- testing

How to withstand the winds of life.

1. spiritual
2. practice
3. focus

Focus...

- freedom
 - obedience
 - care
 - unity
 - serve
4. remind

3 reasons not to be fearful of the Wind...

- struggles
- fatigue / frustration
- desperation

Winds of Life

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Proverbs 10:25 NLT

"Storms can blow away unrighteous people, but the godly have a foundation that keeps them standing firm".

Introductory Statement

The winds of life can be powerful too. They can knock you off balance. So, to have an effective Christian, you will need to learn to withstand the powerful, rogue winds of life. Being a Christian is not a problem-free life. That is why it is critical to have a firm foundation.

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Ephesians 6:13 ESV

"...take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

How to withstand the Winds of life.

1. You and I must stay connected to our _____ family.

Ephesians 4:11-14 NLT

"Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

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2. You and I must put into _____ everything we have ever learned about God.

Matthew 7:24-25 NIV

Jesus: "Everyone who hears these words of mine AND PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE is like the wise man who built his house on a solid rock. The rain came down, and the water rose, and THE WINDS BLEW HARD and BEAT AGAINST that house; yet it did not fall! Why? Because it had its foundation on the rock."

John 13:17 NIV

"Now that you KNOW these things, you will be blessed if you DO them!"

Why do we use handout outlines and take notes?

1. Not everyone has a Bible.
2. It relieves embarrassment in finding texts.
3. We can cover more verses in less time.
4. We can read verses together.
5. We can review what we learn later.
6. We can compare multiple translations.
7. We can emphasize key words by circling or underlining.
8. We remember and retain more!
9. We can use it for Life group study and discussion.

James 1:25 GNT

"But if you look closely into the perfect law that sets people free, and keep on paying attention to it and do not simply listen and then forget it, but put it into practice—you will be blessed by God in what you do."

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3. You and I must turn our _____
to how great God is.

Matthew 8:24-27

Suddenly, a severe storm came across the sea. The waves were covering the boat. Yet, Jesus was sleeping. So, they woke him up, saying, "Lord! Save us! We're going to die!" Jesus said to them, "Why do you cowards have so little faith?" Then he got up, gave an order to the wind and the sea, and the sea became very calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

Focus!

F represents _____!

John 8:36 NLT

"So, if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."

O represents _____!

2 John 1:6 NIV

"And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love."

C represents _____!

1 Thessalonians 2:8 CEV

"We cared so much for you, and you became so dear to us, that we were willing to give our lives for you when we gave you God's message."

U represents _____!

Psalm 133:1 Message

"How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along!"

S represents _____!

Ephesians 6:7 Voice

"Serve them in good faith as if you were serving the Lord, not men,"

When you are focused on God you will not focus on anything else!

How to withstand the Winds of life.

4. You and I must _____ ourselves
how much Jesus cares.

Mark 6:47-48 NLT

"Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them,"

Matthew 14:28-33 NLT

"Peter said, 'Lord if it's really you, tell me to come to you on the water!' So, Jesus said, 'Come on!' So, Peter jumped out of the boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus! But when Peter looked at the wind, he became afraid, and he began to sink. So, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. 'Why did you doubt?' Jesus asked. When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then those in the boat worshiped Jesus saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God!'"

John 6:21 GWT

"So, they were willing to help Jesus into the boat. Immediately, the boat reached the shore where they were going."

Psalm 104:4 GNT

"You, Lord, use the winds as your messengers..."

3 reasons not to be fearful of the Wind...

- Jesus notices our _____.
- Jesus cares about my _____ and _____!
- Jesus comes to me at my moment of _____!