# The Eye of the Storm Introduction

2020 has been an extraordinary year. We started out declaring that the move of God would happen **Suddenly!** And well things did indeed happen so fast that our heads are still swimming. Isaiah says, *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, declares the LORD."* Just when you think you have everything sorted out the LORD sends His Holy Ghost fast ball. It comes out of nowhere and your whole world literally shifts in a day.

This is what "The Eye of the Storm" is all about. Pastor Frank Bailey wrote this book following the devastation that happened in 2005- Hurricane Katrina. But it's timeless lessons will teach us how to weather any storm that comes our way. Whether it is a world-wide pandemic, financial collapse, multiple hurricane's in the gulf, or politics or riot's, understanding the sovereignty of God will steady your course. Gaining His wisdom, power and generosity will help answer the questions of *"Why God?"* And by the time you finish this study you will come to the revelation that His ways are *"too wonderful for me"* to grasp.

The LORD loves impossible situations. When you are at your lowest God remains the same. He has plans for recovery. All He is looking for are those who can hear Him calling from the storm.

### Chapter 1 "Why God?"

- 1. "WHY GOD?" IS ALWAYS THE QUESTION WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS. READ PAGE 4 AND 5. WHO WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THINGS THAT JOB LOST?
- 2. DESTRUCTIVE EVENTS INITIATED BY ANGELS OR THE LORD ARE MERELY A PREPARATION FOR WHAT? PAGE 6
- 3. READ PAGE 7 AND NAME TWO OTHER POSSIBLE REASONS WHY DISASTERS HAPPEN?
- 4. WHETHER IT WAS THE DEVIL, ANGELS, NATURAL DISASTER OR HUMAN FAILURE, WHAT ONE THING IS DEFINITE? PAGE 8
- 5. WHAT COMFORT CAN WE FIND IN EVERY SITUATION WE GO THROUGH? PAGE 9
- 6. HOW ARE WE TO LIVE EACH DAY? READ PAGE 10

# **Chapter 2** "God Speaks in Adversity"

- 1. READ PAGE 11 AND ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN A SITUATION WHEN THE WIND WAS BLOWING AND THE WAVES WERE CRASHING OVER THE BOW?
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- 2. WHAT DID JOB EXPERIENCE IN HIS LIFE AFTER HIS LIFE UNRAVELED? PAGE 17
- 3. WHY COULD MOSES NEVER MAKE HIS HOME BACK IN EGYPT AGAIN? PAGE 18
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*"I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You." Job 42:5* 

