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²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:23 (NLT2)

In The Storm

Never let the presence of a _____ cause you to doubt the presence of _____.

²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. Acts 27:20 (NIV11)

²¹ After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. Acts 27:21 (NIV11)

²² But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³ Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me Acts 27:22-23 (NIV11)

¹⁶... everyone deserted me....¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. **2 Timothy 4:16b-17 (NIV11)**

⁸ I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. **Psalm 16:8 (NLT2)**

• It is all about _____ is with you on the boat

²³ Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, ²⁴ and he said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.' Acts 27:23-24 (NLT2)

God will use what you _____ in this storm to _____ someone through theirs.

²⁵ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.
Acts 27:25 (NIV11)

¹God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. ²So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; ³ even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence.

Psalm 46:1-3 (TEV)

• God is what you _____, He is your Safety, Strength, Comforter, Source, Redeemer, Sustainer, Provider, Assurance, Salvation.

Christmas is God's reminder that we are not alone

- Peace isn't found in the _____ of a storm
- Peace is found in the _____ of a good God.

My Next Step Is To...

- Choose to find my peace in the presence of a good good God.
- Ask someone to pray fo rme to help with my storms this Christmas season.
- Share my storm story of survival with someone who is go ing thru the same storm.
- Realize that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and give my life to Him.