

the  Venues  
Go Deep

**A Secret Place**  
**A Shelter in the Storm**  
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*What was the worst storm you've been through? Where did you like to hide when you were a kid?*

**1. Hurricane Harvey and Theology**

A lot of preachers tell us that God uses storms to punish, to express his anger. *What do you think?*

Some well-known Christian leaders prayed publicly for the hurricanes to “be still in the name of Jesus.” That if “two of us agree on earth concerning anything we ask, it all be done.”

*Why wasn't it done? Why wasn't the hurricane made still?*

Read Psalm 91:1-16

*What promises are given?*

Read Matthew 4:6 where Satan quotes Psalm 91:11-12.

*How did Jesus interpret Psalm 91?*

Consider what Jesus experienced in his life and death.

**2. Did Psalm 91 come true for him?**

*So, how do we interpret Psalm 91?*

Read Psalm 139:15; Psalm 32:7; Psalm 27:5. How many times is the word “secret” or “shelter” or another similar word is used?

Read Matthew 6:6. Jesus is calling us to a secret place.

*How is the eye of a hurricane a metaphor for what the Bible refers to as a “shelter” or “secret place?”*

*When you pray, do you worry about what to say?*

*Next time, try not saying anything! God may be inviting you to come and just sit with him.*

Check out this book for some good stuff on sitting with God:

**Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening** by Cynthia Bourgeault