Avoiding the Storms of Life

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I. Introduction.

II. Storms cannot harm a child of God.
   A. Storms come from ourselves by disobedience, from God for correction or from other people.
   B. Paul was going through a storm caused by other people.
   C. Expert opinions and majority opinion caused the people to be patient. Circumstances contradicted the Word of God.
   D. In the midst of all of this, God protected his people.

III. Storms cannot hide the face of God.
   A. The storm blots out whatever we trust in outside of God.
   B. People try to escape from the storm.

IV. The storm cannot hinder the will of God.
   A. God is not pacing the floor in worry about what will come.
   B. God will accomplish his purpose. (Romans 9:6)

Application questions:

1. In what ways do "expert" opinions and majority opinions affect the church negatively today?
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2. When have you experienced storms that have brought confusion or instability to your life? What did you learn?
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3. What role does the sovereignty of God play in our storms? Explain.
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