

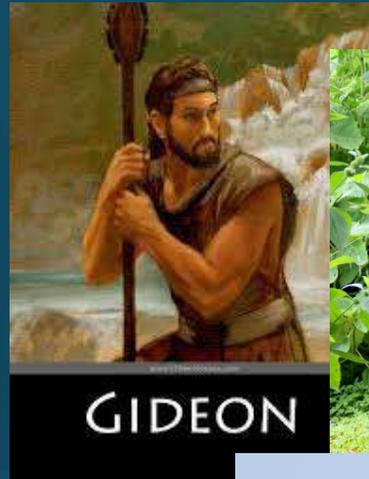


A Sermon by,
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After the Storm,

Sermon Review

This past week I postponed my series on Gideon so that I could address the 800 pound gorilla in the room which was the hurricane in Florida





It had been nearly 100 years since a storm of this intensity had come to the Gulf Coast of Florida



Several storms in recent years had passed through Florida but none with the devastation of IAN.



As a result, many people who perhaps would have evacuated the area chose to remain in place because they assumed they could survive the storm



The lesson here is that just because you have survived a storm in the past does not mean you will not have worse storm in your future

Let me also point out and emphasize that you can not always accurately predict where the storm will hit



In the first maps of the storm Ft. Myers and Port Charlotte, which became the eye of the storm, was not even in the cone of the storm

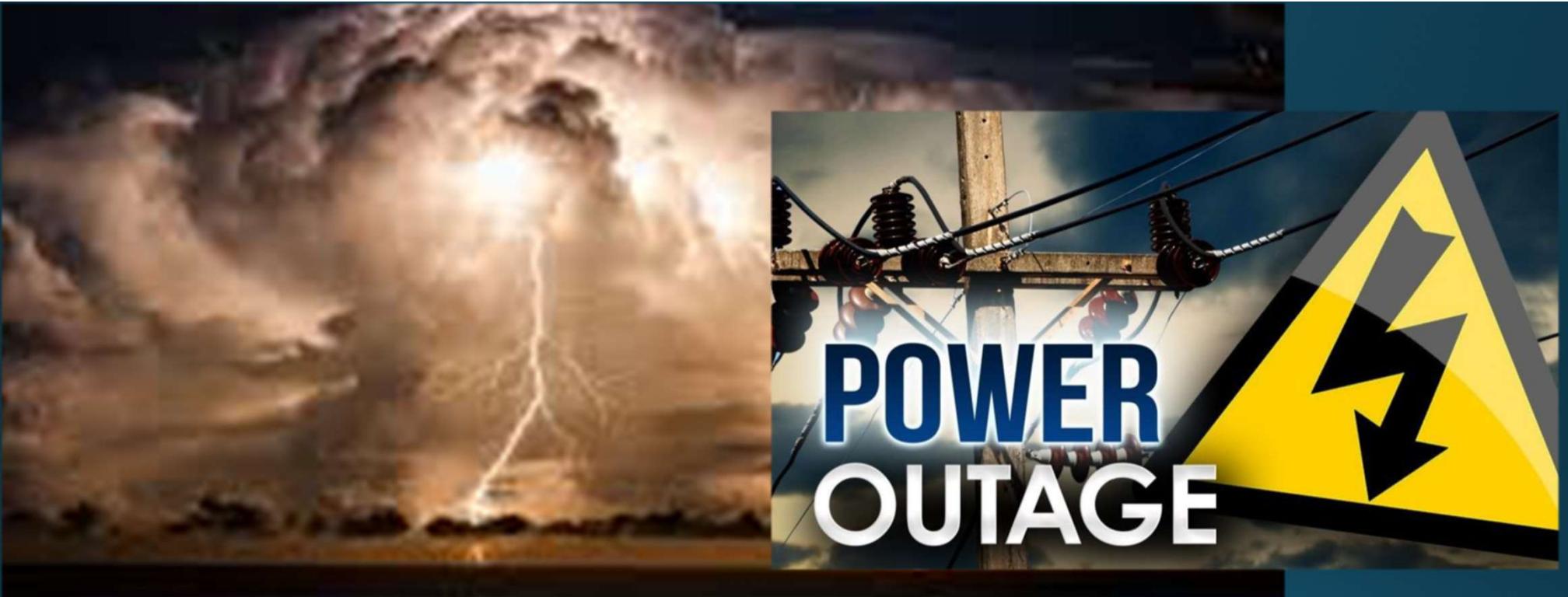


**Let me warn you not to make fun or light of others
going through a storm because that same storm
may turn in your direction**





When the storm was over nearly 85% of the area was without power



If you see this storm as a metaphor then let me make the point that one of the greatest dangers of the storm is its potential to take your power out



**When you go
through a spiritual
storm recognize its
potential to take
your faith and
spiritual power**



**I concluded my sermon on Sunday
with a reference to an alligator that was crawling
the streets of Florida beneath the surface**

Friends there are always spiritual predators that lurk beneath surface of your reality waiting for an opportunity to attack when you least expect it



Thank You for Watching...