

Daily Devotion For March 14, 2023

“Faith is like a tender plant, rooted in Christ alone, watered by the Spirit and the Word, **strengthened by the winds of adversity** and the sunshine of blessing.” Anne Graham Lotz (Daughter of Billy Graham)

Last week the Monterey Peninsula was struck by strong winds and the forecast for the week is more severe storms and wind. Many of our church family were impacted by the strong winds.

During my college years when I did a lot of backpacking and hiking above timberline, someone told me that strong winds grow deep roots. After hearing that, I got to wondering if trees were in fact strengthened by wind. And could it be that our lives grow deeper roots of faith when we encounter the winds of adversity?

Thought For Today: I do believe that we’re strengthened every time we exercise faith against the winds of adversity. Every time we choose love over hate, peace over stress, kindness over anger, and joy over disappointment we’re exercising a life of faith that grows strong roots.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray that your winds of adversity will grow strong spiritual roots for you and our church family. Pray for protection of the strong winds that are expected this week. Deo Volente.