



## SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

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**September Meditation by Toni Garrison-Perry**  
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*(Found in the Centennial Celebration Devotional, page 103)*

#### **Opening Song: “The Storm is Passing Over”**

Take courage my soul and let us journey on,  
Tho' the night is dark and I am far from home  
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears.  
The storm is passing over. The storm is  
passing over. The storm is passing over.  
Hal – le – lu.

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**Prayer: (As led by the Holy Spirit)**

**Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20**

#### **Meditation: “Storm Chasers”**

It was around 3:00 a.m. in the morning, and the family was awakened by a sound of a bomb exploding. They were afraid to venture out of their rooms, and for that matter, stay in their rooms. They were literally paralyzed with fear! As they opened their doors, smoke filled the entire house. What happened?

Soon they would realize a tree had fallen on the house. In the dining room, they saw the sky through a gaping hole in the roof, and they saw the basement through a hole that was now in the floor. The tree had demolished their house! Later, the Fire Department would condemn the house, and the family would be homeless.

In Matthew 28:19 (NLT), Jesus clearly instructs us to go, but how often we are fearful to leave our comfort zone and **Go!** Even when He has demonstrated His love and protection. We never need to fear the **STORM** or any situation. God will never send us anywhere alone or powerless. (Act 1:8 NLT)

Yes, the family was displaced for months, but not only did God spare their lives, He saw to their every need in the wilderness. Even more, they had a powerful testimony to share of God's love and protection! If **God** says **Go**, for any reason be **Obedient!** You will never walk alone! Just **Go!**

#### **Closing Song: “I’ll Go”**

I'll go, Lord, I'll go. I'll go, Lord, I'll go.  
If the Lord, needs somebody,  
Here am I, O Lord send me.

#### **Closing Prayer**

Dear God,  
Thank you for my protection. I thank you for your grace and mercy. Where you lead me, I will follow! Teach me never to fear. I will be **Obedient** to your word, and **Go**, with the Holy Spirit as my guide! Use me, Lord, to reach out to your people. Amen.

