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Arizona Capitol Prayer Luncheon

Overcoming Your Spiritual Storms

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A. The Missing Prayer: O Holy Spirit, please put a mirror up to our souls. Show us where we are right about you. Show us where we are wrong about you. Where divine mercy is welcomed, may it come in abundance. Where divine correction is needed, may your holy angels administer it. We ask for this in the name of Jesus. Amen

B. Many of the major figures in the sacred scriptures suffered spiritual storms. The powers of darkness introduced a blizzard of accusation and attempted to knock them off course. Let's look at some examples in the Holy Bible:

They sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. Genesis 37: 28

AND

*Saul discussed his intention of killing David with his son Jonathan
and with all his servants.* 1 Samuel 19: 1

AND

*Satan answered the Lord and said, 'Is it for nothing that
that Job is God-fearing...put forth your hand and touch anything
he has and surely he will blaspheme you to your face.'* Job 1: 9, 11

AND

*So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin
and said, 'What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs.
If we leave him alone, all will believe in him, and the Romans will
come and take away both our land and our nation.'* John 11: 47-48

C. What does Almighty God promise for those who are careful to listen to Him with consistency?

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.* Proverbs 3: 5-6

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will **guard your hearts** and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 7

D. Testimony of Spiritual Storm. God's warning. His defensive action. And the resolution.

E. Saint Paul's wisdom. God is first in everything.

*See that no one returns evil for evil; rather, always seek what is good (both) for each other
and for all. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.* 1 Thessalonians 5: 15-19