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Thanksgiving

# A Haven in the Storm

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**A Haven in the Storm**

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> *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*
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> HEBREWS 13:2

A graduate student from the University of Montana (home of the Grizzlies) was driving home for Thanksgiving when, hundreds of miles from home, her car blew a gasket in the middle of a severe winter snowstorm.

It was Sunday, which meant all the local mechanic shops were closed. Even tow truck drivers refused to navigate the dangerous, snow-covered roads until the storm passed.

Stranded and overwhelmed, she sat in a local coffee shop, crying as she explained her predicament over the phone to her parents. A woman sitting nearby overheard her distress and, without hesitation, approached her table.

The stranger offered the young woman a place to stay for the night. She took her home, introduced her to her family, shared a warm dinner, and provided a safe place to sleep. The following morning, she even drove her back to her vehicle once the tow trucks were operating again.

What a beautiful reminder when the world feels cold and frightening, God often provides warmth and safety through the kindness of an unexpected stranger.

When I was young, I read a book by Dale Evans titled Angels Unaware, inspired by a verse in Hebrews: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Hebrews 13:2)

Life has a way of catching us in unexpected blizzards—moments when our visibility is reduced to zero, our momentum comes to a standstill, and we feel utterly stranded.

In those dark, biting hours, it is easy to give in to fear and wonder if anyone knows or cares what we're going through. Yet, it is often in our most vulnerable moments God reveals His quiet, protective care through the hands and hearts of others.

Like the woman who opened her home to a stranded student, God often provides unexpected sanctuaries and unlikely helpers. Such acts of kindness remind us we are never truly alone. The warmth of human compassion is a tangible expression of divine love, shining brightest against the coldest backdrops.

When we encounter storms of our own, we can trust God is with us, even when we cannot see the way forward. And when the skies clear, perhaps we are being called to become that very shelter for someone else who is lost in the cold.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being our refuge and strong tower when the storms of life surround us. Thank You for the unexpected blessings of warmth, safety, and the kindness of those who open their hearts and homes when we feel stranded.

When my path is obscured and my strength feels depleted, help me trust in Your unseen provision. Open my eyes to recognize the people You place along my journey to offer comfort, encouragement, and hope.

And Father, may I never miss an opportunity to be that person for someone else. Let my heart and home be a haven for those caught in life's storms, reflecting the unconditional love You so generously pour into my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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