

# SERVICE - Dorian Relief



## Lesson 3 During & After the Storm



As a hurricane or tropical storm approaches things begin to change - sometimes slowly, sometimes more quickly than expected. It is best to not venture far from your shelter place, stay away from shorelines, and be alert to passing traffic by drivers who may use poor judgment in their haste. As wind increases so does the number of things that may fall down or fly past you! Stay safe - stay indoors!!

If something happens (water rises, or the structure you are in begins to fail) you may have to evacuate to a safer place. This is risky but possible if a plan was already thought through. Know where to go

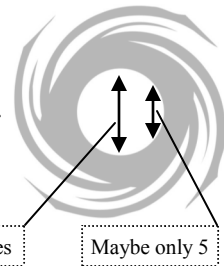


next - maybe a neighbor nearby, a school or other designated shelter, somewhere higher and stronger. Stay close together! Have on protective clothing, especially cover your head if possible. Things are flying around! You must be careful, especially if power lines are down. If you cross through water that has electricity in it you will get shocked - or worse!! It is



best to stay put, stay calm, stay together, even if it seems the building around you won't.

The **eye** of a storm can be misleading. Storms gradually quiet down as they move away, but if things become almost suddenly "still" you must assume you are in the center of the storm's circulation (the "Eye".) But beware - the full strength of the storm will return just as suddenly! It will be dangerous if you are caught out in it!! The illustration at the right shows you that being in the center will be a longer period of "calm" than somewhere near the "edge" when things might quickly become again very dangerous.



When the storm has passed, or gotten calm enough to safely go outside, be very careful where you step and what you touch. And be prepared for great disappointment: your world may have



changed a lot, but hopefully - only for a while. It is always the first shock of how much damage has happened that is hard to bear. So will the additional sadness of others as you learn of family and neighbors, what has also happened to them. God's word tells us **"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"** (1Thessalonians 5:18) Not always easy - but always

necessary!! If you do, you can learn and grow through anything; if you don't, sadness will wear you down and might even be to your heart worse than the storm itself.

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**To earn your Service Patch, review the notes on these three lessons and be prepared to discuss them with your Chief. Memorize 1Thes 5:18 (as seen above) and be able to quote it without difficulty. Participate in one or more hands-on activities to provide relief to storm victims.**