

It could happen at any moment...

Quick Change

"The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet."

Nahum 1:3



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This past Memorial Day, we wanted our son to gain a better understanding of the holiday's purpose. We planned a meaningful family outing and drove to a beautiful cemetery in Oklahoma, just north of the Texas border.

**We walked our son around the headstones,
observing the lives of those past,
teaching him that real people have given their lives for our freedom,
ending with a time of prayer by a veteran's grave.
It was a beautiful and special getaway.**

As we drove home, we were surprised to see ominous clouds looming ahead. We had known a storm was forecast for that afternoon yet **hadn't expected its arrival so soon**. Regardless, **within minutes**, we were under the darkened skies of yet another Spring storm. Torrential rains immediately followed.

I was in awe as I watched the storm move.

It was like it had a mind of its own.

The clouds **moved so fast**, and they **changed** right before our eyes.

Literally within seconds, they were changing shape!

As Robin tensely drove, my eyes were fixed on the eery scene, keeping watch for dangerous activity. Sure enough, finger-like formations began to come down from the billows. Half-way through praying Psalm 91, my husband exited the highway, seeking options in case we'd need emergency shelter.

As we approached the stoplight, I was astonished by what I saw.

A tornado was whirling down, directly beside us.

With shaky hands and quick heartbeat, I captured the pic above, as our phones simultaneously beeped with emergency alerts.

I've never seen my husband drive as **fast** as he did then. Thanks to his **quick** speed and God's grace, we were soon away from danger, headed in the opposite direction of the twister.

It's hard to explain the combination of both fear and thrill that ran through my veins: I was frightened by the funnel and its damaging nature, yet... it was strangely exciting to take its picture and escape its devastation.

The next day, I couldn't get out of my mind how **quickly the clouds had changed**: one minute their bellies were a straight line, and the next minute a funnel had formed and touched down. I couldn't help but think of **how quickly our lives can change** as well: one minute we're doing fine without complaint, and the next minute something comes up that completely redirects or even derails us.

Each of us may not know the solution to another's unexpected life changes; we may not know what words to say for comfort; and, we may not know how long-lasting the difficult seasons will be-- the ones created by **sudden change**.

But what we *can* be sure of is this:

God will have His way in our whirlwind. (Nahum 1:3)
His way is good and right. (Psalm 18:30)

The clouds of our storms are the dust of His feet.
He is big, He is for us, and He's got our back. (Romans 8:31)

Our circumstances may unexpectedly change,
but God's trustworthy character *will not. Ever.*
Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)
Forever!

Encouragement:

If you haven't already educated yourself on the status of our nation in relation to Bible prophecy, I **strongly urge** you to do so. *Please*. While Jesus may come back tonight or in two hundred years, there may still be some **quick changes coming soon**, and there are wise things we can do to be prepared both physically and spiritually.

As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven;
He is a shield to all who trust in Him.
Psalm 18:30

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