



DEVOTION: May 7

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We somehow managed to start the song in the wrong key. No one could tell until the instruments and other choral support started. At that moment, each of us would have loved to crawl under a pew but didn't have one close enough. By God's grace we managed to get on the right key and finish well.

After finishing the song, I shared a message on Christ calming the storms of life! The failure to start in the right key certainly put me in the midst of a raging storm in my spirit and only the Lord could give me a calm spirit.

Are you willing to let the Lord do what's necessary in your life to calm your storms? Your storms might be a difficult home life, a shaky church life, or a disobedient life as a steward!

Regardless of your storm, the Lord can calm it and allow you to finish well.

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Song of Commitment

"My Victory"

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 You came for hypocrites Even one like me
 You carried sin and shame The guilt of ev'ry man
 The weight of all I've done Nailed into Your hands*

*Oh Your love bled for me
 Oh Your blood in crimson streams
 Oh Your death is Hell's defeat
 A cross meant to kill is my victory*

*Oh Your amazing grace
 I've seen and tasted it
 It's running through my veins
 I can't escape its grip
 In You my soul is safe
 You cover ev'rything*

*Behold the Lamb of God
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 The holy Lamb of God
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 (REPEAT)*

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