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*I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. I would flee far away and stay in the desert; I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm."  
Psalm 55:7,8*

A young family with a toddler and an infant moved to Moss, Mississippi and bought a new home that featured a reinforced safe room/closet. On April 13, 2020, an F4 tornado hit the house, obliterating it within seconds. The concrete room was the only thing left standing on the foundation.



An interesting fact in this story is that the family barely had time to take cover. Despite tracking the storms and listening to the live news coverage, the tornado hit the house mere moments after they made it to the closet. But because they **were prepared**, because they were **watching and listening**, and because **they put their trust in something stronger than themselves**, they survived the destructive forces of the storm.

Jesus said in Luke 12:40, *"You must be ready also. The Son of Man is coming at a time when you do not think He will come."*

Being prepared means knowing Jesus and walking with Him in a daily relationship. Jesus is our safe room! Watching and listening means taking note of what is happening around you. Trusting in something stronger than yourself, means trusting in the Lord.

*Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you. Psalm 84:12.*