

Deadliest Storm

With the exception of Noah's Flood, The Great Hurricane of 1780 has the distinction of being the deadliest storm in history. Twenty thousand inhabitants of the West Indies died in a single day, and even the most structurally sound buildings were devastated. In fact, only two houses remained standing on St. Lucia. Bark was stripped from tree trunks according to eye-witness reports, which was a scientific sign that the winds exceeded 200 miles an hour.

Jesus said that storms will hit every life and every home. He wasn't talking about hurricanes, but about troubles in life that can bring turmoil and devastation just like a physical storm can. He offered no immunity from hard times, but He did say you could build your house on the rock instead of the sand. What does that mean? Jesus explained it this way—"The man who listens to my teaching and obeys is a wise man who builds on the rock."

This is Pastor Stephen Chitty. Remember, *Life Matters*, and so do you.