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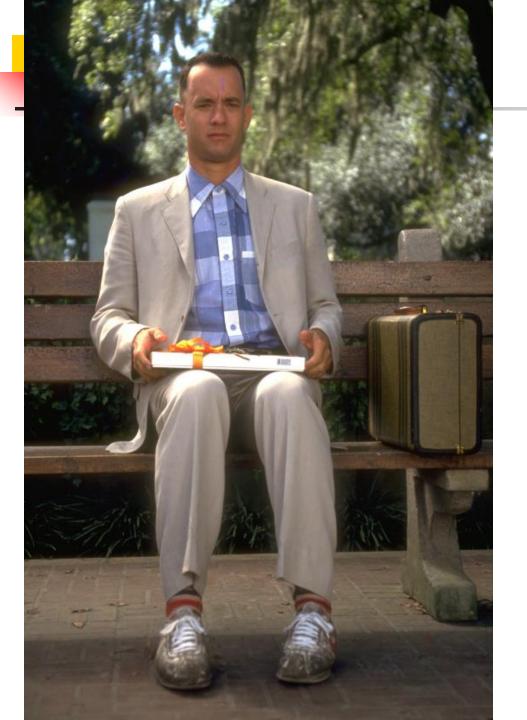
The Cracked Pot Creed

- I AM NOT ENOUGH
- I AM NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ENOUGH
- I AM A FRAGILE DIRT POT
- I AM MADE FOR ONE PURPOSE, WHICH IS ...
- TO CONTAIN, DEMONSTRATE AND RELEASE THE LIFE AND POWER OF GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
- SO THAT THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT JESUS IS LORD AND GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL!!

⁶ For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves. 2

Corinthians 4: 6-7

A Famous Man Once Said ...



Life is like a box of chocolates,

Why?

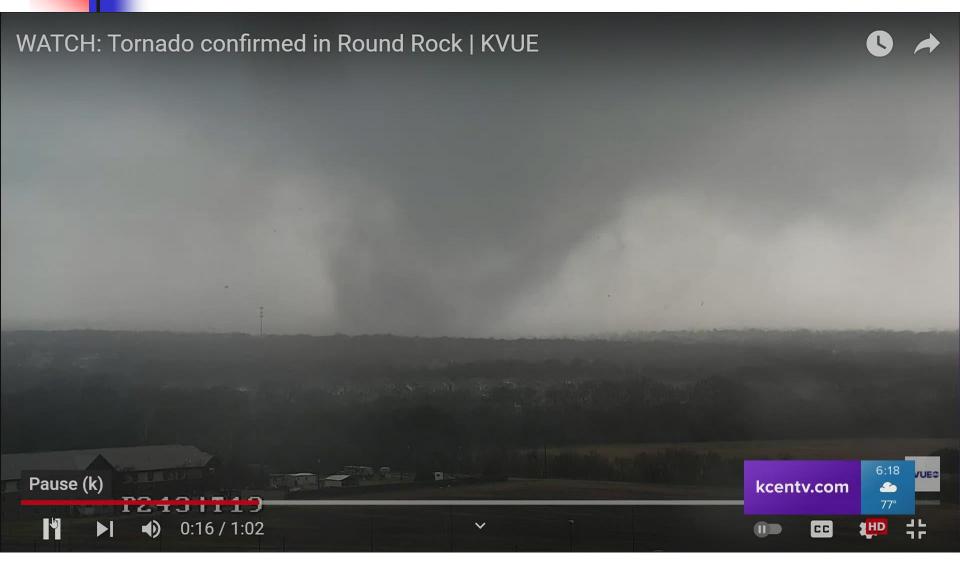
Because you never know what you are going to get



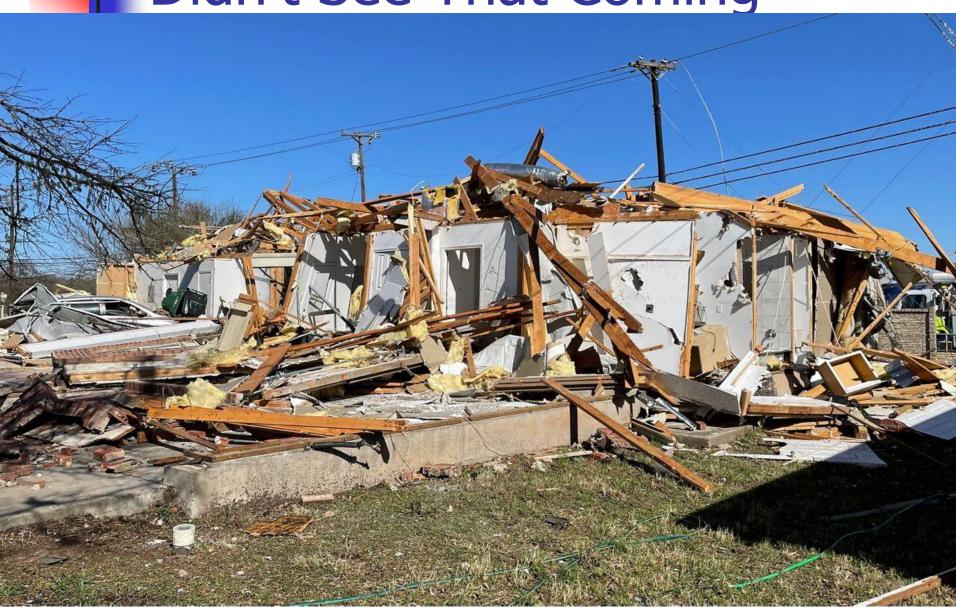
The Bible Kinda Says That, Too

■ ¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." 14Yet you do not know [h]what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. 15 [i]Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that." - James 4: 13-15

Round Rock Tornado







Lesson We Keep Learning

- If the past couple of years have taught us anything, it is that we don't control anything and we can't really predict anything
- Pandemics? Social chaos on our streets? Horrific warfare in Eastern Europe which we thought could never happen again?
- Who saw any of that coming? And who among us was really ready? We can predict one thing: God is always faithful!

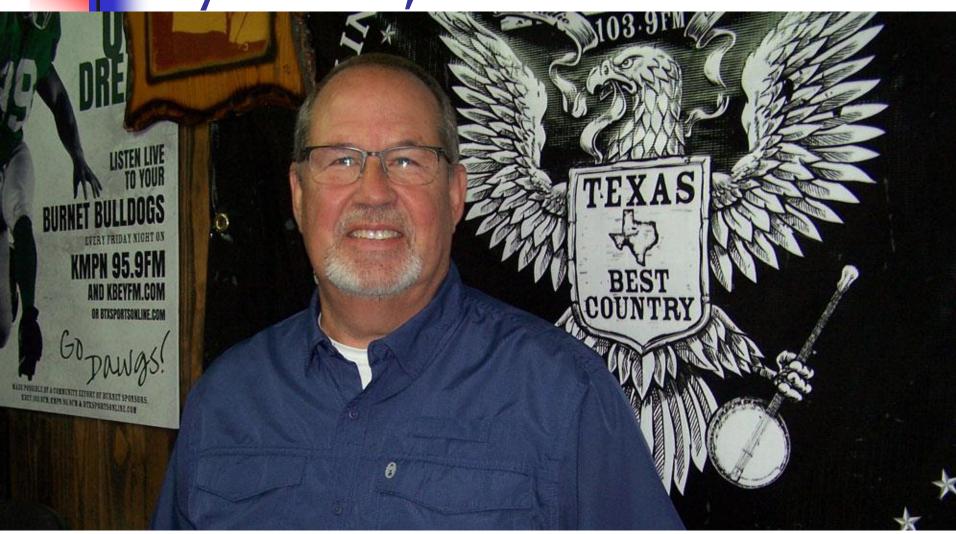
Isaiah 43 – He's Got You

But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! 2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

³ "For I am the LORD your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

My Friend, Stennis Shotts



Last Word To Isaiah

"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past. 19 "Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert. ²⁰ "The beasts of the field will glorify Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I have given waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My chosen people. ²¹ The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise!

Jesus -

Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY