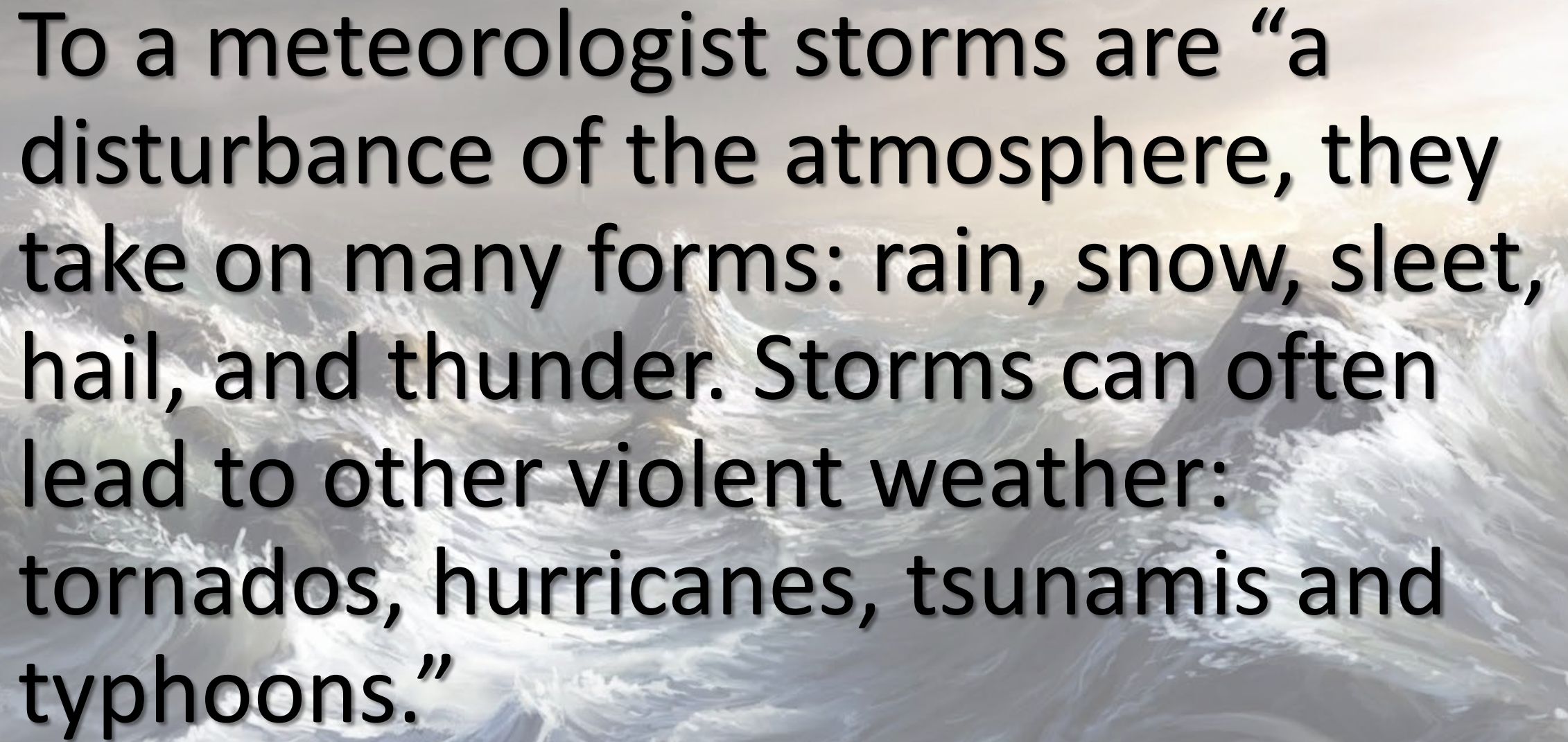


The background is a dramatic painting of a stormy sea. Dark, turbulent waves are crashing, with white foam visible. In the upper right, a bright light, possibly the sun or moon, breaks through a layer of heavy, grey clouds, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene. The overall mood is one of intense natural power and hope.

“Peace in the Midst of a Storm”

Mark 4:35-5:1



To a meteorologist storms are “a disturbance of the atmosphere, they take on many forms: rain, snow, sleet, hail, and thunder. Storms can often lead to other violent weather: tornados, hurricanes, tsunamis and typhoons.”



Some important truths
concerning storms and how we
can find hope in the midst:



I. Truth one: storms can happen suddenly - v.37

A. When they set sail the sea was calm

B. The storm came without warning

i. They were not looking for it

ii. They were not prepared for it

II. Truth two: storms can be severe - vv.37-38

A. Severity described (parallel text)

i. Mark 4:37 – “great”

ii. Matt. 8:24 – “great tempest”

iii. Luke 8:23 – “a storm of wind”

B. Storms such severity can be life threatening - v.38

III. Truth three: storms can be scary - vv.39-40

A. Why is a storm scary?

- i. It is out of our control
- ii. Don't know how long it is going to last
- iii. Don't know the damage it will cause

B. It is scary because we are naturally fearful



IV. Truth four: storms can be stilled - v.39

A. The master of the wind

i. Is not surprised by the storm

ii. Is not frightened by the storm



B. The storm is stilled when fear is replaced by faith

i. By His power – v.39

ii. By His presence – v.38

iii. By His promise – vv.35; 5:1



Biblical principles

1. Recognize the storm
2. Resist fear
3. Rest in faith