

# Hurricane Helene Miracle: Couple Survives Deadly Flood Using Their Couch

A North Carolina couple credits their survival through Hurricane Helene to a deep faith and an unlikely flotation device: their living room couch.

Howard Ray, a volunteer firefighter, and his wife, Lisa, say God helped them through the storm, which ravaged much of their community and swept through several states. The couple, who lost their home and belongings, are clinging to faith as they work to rebuild.

“I just want people to understand that you can’t give up; you’ve got to push no matter what,” Howard told Queen City News. “I don’t understand. We shouldn’t be alive; there’s no way, it’s all God,” he added, describing how they held onto their couch as floodwaters swept their trailer off its foundation.

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As the hurricane’s effects intensified, floodwaters rose quickly, filling the couple’s trailer. Lisa recalls a moment of surrender when she sat on the couch, which ultimately became their lifeline. “I just had to sit down on that couch, and we floated out,” she says.

Their journey on the water was perilous. The flood levels rose 25 to 30 feet, and the couple drifted on the couch until Howard instructed Lisa to grab onto a barbed wire fence for stability. Though the sharp fence injured her hand, it provided a crucial hold. Eventually, they found shelter in a garage, waiting there for hours until the waters receded.

The storm took an emotional toll as well. During Lisa's hospital stay for her injuries, she learned that her friend, Michelle Quintero, a Madison County Sheriff's Office captain, had died in the flood. "I just collapsed," Lisa says. "She was a good person; she's a great mother. She had one grandbaby and one grandbaby on the way."

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Despite the devastation, the Rays remain resolute in their faith. Pleasant Valley Baptist Church has provided temporary housing assistance through a disaster relief fund, covering their stay at an Airbnb for the next year.

Howard's faith continues to guide him in the aftermath. "I know I might have lost everything, but that doesn't mean that I stop and that I've got to quit and just give up," he says.

Their resilience mirrors a biblical principle of faith in extreme trials. Proverbs 3:5 reminds us to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." The Rays' faith and gratitude for life now serve as a testament to the strength they draw from God, even as they face the long road to recovery.

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# Greg Locke: How Biblical Generosity Transforms Lives

In a recently posted video, Pastor Mark Driscoll addresses a question on the minds of many Christians: Is Donald Trump truly a Christian?

Driscoll shares his thoughts on Trump's faith, offering insights from his recent experience at the National Faith Advisory Board event. In the video, Driscoll also encourages Christians to prioritize policy over personality in the upcoming election, emphasizing the importance of aligning voting decisions with biblical values.

"It was largely pastors and ministry leaders," Driscoll says, recounting a schedule filled with "a lot of worship and a lot of prayer" at the event. He and his wife, Grace, believe it may have been "the last pastor's Faith event before the election." According to Driscoll, the timing adds weight to the day, as many leaders anticipate the upcoming election and discuss issues they see as vital to their communities.

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Driscoll also describes meeting former President Donald Trump, who, despite constant attacks from the mainstream media, appears "really relaxed" and "joyful." Trump engages the crowd with unscripted remarks, which Driscoll says reveals a personable side. "He was just talking to us freely," Driscoll recalls, noting how Trump's humor and energy struck a chord with the gathered audience. "He was sharp and likable," Driscoll adds, surprised by the warmth Trump displayed.

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In Trump's address to attendees, he touches on several issues important to many conservative Christians, such as support for Israel, religious freedom and abortion. Driscoll says Trump's experiences, including two assassination attempts, have made him more conscious of faith and God's role in his life. "He doesn't use the evangelical language, but there's a God-consciousness in his mind," Driscoll explains, referencing Trump's belief that "there is a God who is over our affairs."

Driscoll goes on to emphasize the importance of policy over personality in voting. "Policy is primary," he says, encouraging pastors to guide their congregations in understanding a biblical worldview. Driscoll sees these policies as having a direct impact on people's lives, explaining, "If you care about people, you need to vote for policies because people live under the policies."

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# **God and the World Series: MLB Players Promote Faith on Baseball's Biggest Stage**

At the V1 Church Breakers Conference, Pastor Vlad Savchuk of HungryGen Ministries shared a powerful message on navigating life's seasons, both good and bad, drawing a parallel to the story of Joseph in the Bible. Savchuk encouraged attendees to

embrace each phase, whether filled with hardship or blessing, as part of God's bigger plan.

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## **Joseph's Seasons**

- **The coat of many colors:** According to Savchuk, this is the season when God places a call on your life, and you receive this calling as a promise from the Lord. "If you track his story carefully, you will see that the first season started when his father gave him a coat of many colors," Savchuk says. "In fact, it was such a good season that he started to dream that one day his brothers will bow to him. He started to dream that one day he impact the world."
- **Prisoner garments:** This is a more difficult and "hellish" season, where Potiphar's wife stole the clothing from Joseph and lied about what happened between the two. This saw Joseph imprisoned in horrific conditions. "This hard season landed Joseph into a hellish season," Savchuk explains. "And this was a season where the Scripture says he wore prisoners of you are in the season where somebody changed your clothing, where somebody ripped a garment off of you, lied about you, fired you, divorced you, broke up with you, and your life went from great to hellish, and men were responsible, and they were ripping garments off of your life. But there is a God in heaven who is watching over His Word and the promise He gave you."
- **Pharaoh's garments:** Joseph would not be removed from these garments for the remainder of his life because after the hardship and the season of breaking in prison, he was ready to assume the role God had for him in life. "God will introduce His process where He's going to

develop me, where He's going to break me, where He's gonna to crush me, where He's gonna purify me, where He's going to expose the ugliness in my own heart," Savchuk reveals. "...Things in themselves don't have to be good for God to put them together for your good."

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The story of Joseph teaches us that even in the most challenging seasons, God is working to shape our hearts and align them with His purpose. Joseph endured betrayal, imprisonment and rejection from those closest to him, yet each hardship was part of God's refining process, drawing Joseph's heart closer to Him. Likewise, we can look at our own lives and see that God is using the difficult relationships and painful circumstances not to harm us, but to cultivate a heart consecrated to Him.

In these seasons, God is not absent but is carefully molding us, just as He did with Joseph, to prepare us for His greater plans. Through these trials, God reminds us that His purpose prevails, transforming what was meant for harm into blessings that align our lives with His perfect will.

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# Former Occultists Expose the Dark Truth About Halloween

In separate interviews with Charisma Media, former witch turned deliverance minister Jenny Weaver and former Satanist John Ramirez, who is now an evangelist for Christ, share their powerful testimonies of transformation and deliverance.

“As a young girl, I got into some really deep dark things,” Weaver recounts, explaining how an abusive family life led her to seek acceptance in all the wrong places. “The spirit of rejection gripped my life... I began to cut myself, wanting to kill myself, doing a lot of self-mutilation.”

Weaver describes how her search for belonging led her to witchcraft after watching “The Craft,” a film about witches. “I thought, ‘I want to do that,’ and I did. I began to dive into Wicca and witchcraft.” Her journey takes a dark turn as she becomes immersed in spells and rituals, thinking they would grant her power. “We wanted spirits to come into us... we didn’t think it was possession; we thought it was power,” she recalls.

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After years of addiction, homelessness and torment, Weaver experiences a divine rescue. “God literally delivered me in a moment,” she says, emphasizing the stark contrast between her past and her faith-filled present.

Today, Weaver warns parents about the dangers of spiritual compromise and why her family has nothing to do with Halloween.

Dr. George Barna, in a recent interview with CBN's Billy Hallowell, sheds light on the correlation between mental health challenges and an individual's worldview. Barna's latest research from the American Worldview Inventory 2024 shows that a biblical worldview may offer relief to those struggling with mental health issues like anxiety, depression and fear.

"Our best estimates show that about one out of every four adults has a diagnosable mental illness," Barna says. He points out that younger generations are grappling with mental health challenges at a higher rate, with 56% of Gen Z experiencing symptoms like anxiety and depression. In stark contrast, only 14% of Baby Boomers face similar issues, a generation with a significantly higher rate of biblical worldview adherence. According to Barna, this is no mere coincidence.

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"People with a biblical worldview are less likely to do things like wind up in prison, to have some kind of addiction ... to say that they're feeling fulfilled with their life," he explains. This connection shows that adopting faith-based values offers a broader sense of purpose, grounding people in challenging times.

For many facing mental health battles, he believes the answer to their problems isn't always medication. "What may be happening is that it's not a chemical imbalance or physical issue ... it may be their belief structure, their worldview," he says, highlighting the importance of spiritual health in conjunction with mental health.



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Barna notes that people of faith often find comfort through shared community and purpose in life, which can reduce feelings of despair. While he acknowledges that medicinal treatment is necessary for some, he emphasizes that “worldview isn’t just about believing things that make a pastor happy. Worldview actually has a dramatic effect on all aspects of your life.” A biblical worldview, he argues, could be a protective factor against certain mental health issues.

King David’s writings in the Psalms offer a powerful example for Christians today on navigating times of mental and emotional distress. Throughout the Psalms, David openly voices his struggles with feelings of despair, anxiety and fear, giving readers an honest look into his inner turmoil. In Psalm 13:1, he cries, “How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?” revealing the depth of his personal hurt.

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Yet, David models a way forward by consistently turning to God as his source of comfort and strength. His words in Psalm 23:4, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me,” reflect his unwavering trust in God’s presence and protection, even in the darkest times. David’s faith reminds us that in moments of mental anguish, we can find hope and peace by reaching out to God, relying on His promises to provide strength and comfort.

In these times of growing darkness, the Bible provides us with comfort and reassurance, encouraging everyone who reads it that they can find peace in God. Psalm 29:11 states, “The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.” For those struggling, Barna’s research reveals that turning toward a relationship with God will provide solace and a renewed sense of hope in our sin-cursed world.

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## **Is Dr. Lester Sumrall's 40-Year-Old Prophecy Now a Reality?**

At the Breakers Conference held at Now Arena in Chicago, Illinois, Pastor Mike Signorelli delivers a powerful message about faith, resilience and the divine purpose that underpins the struggles of believers. He emphasizes the importance of understanding one's spiritual journey, particularly in times of adversity.

"Welcome to the birthing room," he begins, encouraging attendees to embrace the pressure that comes with their spiritual journeys. He acknowledges the journey can be difficult, but within those hardships God has a purpose for every one of us. "It's not about the algorithm," he says. "It's about the anointing." He stresses that true success and favor come from a relationship with God rather than worldly metrics.

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Signorelli shares his personal story of overcoming extreme poverty, recounting his childhood struggles. "Somebody has to say, 'I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired,'" he says. His journey from hardship to ministry leadership exemplifies

his belief that change is possible when one is willing to embrace God's calling. "You can't cheat your way through this. You gotta go through," he emphasizes, urging the audience to remain steadfast in their faith, even when times get tough.

Signorelli then passionately opens up about his belief in the faithfulness of God by recounting a personal story that began with a simple stove. "The Lord told me this morning, 'Michael, when you walk into the stadium today, you need to know that it all started with the stove,'" Signorelli says. He explains that, 25 years ago, when his family was struggling in poverty, a pastor delivered a donated stove to their home, sparking a journey that would transform their lives. "I took your poverty and I used it to deliver a stove," God reminded him, connecting that moment to his presence on the conference stage.

Reflecting on the parallels between his journey and God's promise to Abraham, Signorelli adds, "When God gave the promise to Abraham, it was 25 years until he had his son, and 25 years from the story of the stove, I stand on this stage today." His story is a testament to the perfection of God's timing, and His promises are always fulfilled, even if they take years to come to fruition.

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As the conference unfolds, Signorelli implores fellow believers to seize the moment and deepen their relationship with God. "Sometimes you've got to get in the [birthing] room so something can be released to you," he says, reminding everyone of the power and presence of God even in our darkest moments.

This powerful testimony and call for a renewed faith in the Lord leaves us with a call to action: Dig deeper into your

relationship with God. Push through and endure the difficult times. As it says in James 4:8, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." This is a reminder that faith is an active journey, one Christians must embark on to pursue a closer connection with Jesus Christ.

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## **How Deliverance from an Evil Spirit Shaped Tony Merkel's Mission**