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It's a first alert weather day in Madison, Alabama. For us, this means remaining weather aware with steps to take at the first knowledge of tornados. In the past, tornados have swept through out town leaving great swaths of destruction and death. Our family vacuumed out the storm shelter of the winter's worth of spider webs, eggs and dust. We stocked it with water and snacks, blankets and even a bucket with a lid and roll of toilet paper.

Despite all this preparation, we hope not to actually **NEED** the shelter, as it is cramped, uncomfortable and not a pleasant place to just hang out. Lighting must be supplied with flashlights or candles, because although we've run electricity to it, power supply in times of storms is never guaranteed.

Our Lord's shelter, however, is always guaranteed. *Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20.*

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2

All that My Father gives Me will come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out. John 6:37

Today, as you keep one ear open for tornado sirens or weather alerts, also keep your heart open to the peace and surety of our Savior. Trouble is an opportunity to trust in God, no matter what, and allow faith to grow despite difficult circumstances. Use every day to prepare your heart for God's invitation and learn to follow Him as surely as you are using today to follow the steps that will keep you safe in this storm.