PRODUCTION NOTES

Storms of epic proportions are threatening our main character. Fortunately, a saleslady from StormProofers Unlimited has the answer!

Characters and Props:
Narrator - Rayna Shine, a Weather Channel reporter, dressed appropriately for inclement weather
Kelly - with phone
Saleslady for StormProofers, Unlimited - has a phone; a rolling suitcase containing all necessary “props”: Faith Glasses, Romans 8:28 Umbrella and DoubtBuster 2000

SCRIPT

Narrator: (rain gear and umbrella, finger on ear, listening) Thanks, Bill. This is Rayna Shine reporting live from Plano, Texas, where the citizens are already preparing for an afternoon downpour of trials. Thunderclouds have been forming, and the atmosphere is very unstable. The National Weather Service has issued a severe thunderstorm warning. Anything could happen, as there seems to be a super-cell forming. Citizens need to be prepared to be hit from every side with various meteorological events. Monsoons of marital problems, tempests of teenage rebellion, hailstorms of health issues, thick fogs of depression, lightning strikes of hurtful words, thunderbolts of temptations and straight-line winds of stress are just a few of the potential hazards forecasted, which can be accompanied by a deluge of doubt and fear. No one is really sure what a storm of this magnitude would look like, or the destruction it could render. Citizens are being advised to take precautions on every side. Please don’t assume that you won’t be touched, because in the world you will have tribulation; you will be grieved by various trials, no question! Don’t assume that you can avoid the storm. Bill this could potentially be the “doozy of all doozies!” I repeat--this warning must be taken seriously! We’re not talking a gentle spring shower, Bill. They are predicting torrential rains and ferocious flooding and hail of varying sizes--the whole ball of wax! (pause) Yes, Bill I said the “whole ball of wax.” Lightning could strike your family, hail could bombard your faith, floods could overwhelm your spirit, and deafening thunder could strike fear and trembling. Floodwaters could impact your very foundation and cause irreparable damage to your peace. (finger on ear, listening) I’ll keep you posted on any further developments as they occur.

(doorbell rings)

Kelly: I don’t have time or energy to entertain company right now. I’m so stressed. I just can’t handle one more thing, and I surely can’t face anyone today with all these storms brewing in my life. If I’m quiet, maybe they’ll go away.

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(doorbell rings insistently two more times)

**Kelly:** Okay okay. (reluctantly opens the door) Yes? (recognized the Saleslady and throws her arms around her in relief) Oh! StormProofers! Perfect timing. These storm clouds have been gathering on the horizon of my life, and I’m facing some devastating high pressure systems.

**Saleslady:** Well, that’s our mission here at StormProofers Unlimited—“Weatherizing the weary during the storms of life.” How can I help you today?

**Kelly:** Right now I’m in the middle of a brief nervous breakdown, so maybe you should come back at another time.

**Saleslady:** Oh, no, on the contrary, this is exactly the time I need to be here. *(looking at phone)* Whoa! My up-to-date-always-accurate StormProofer Weather App indicates that a super-cell of trials and temptations has been forming in the east. Inclement weather is definitely heading your way. The radar shows bright red and it looks quite foreboding. Have you had any warning?

**Kelly:** No! I don’t know where this came from—there was no warning at all. This storm came out of nowhere and took me by surprise. Last week was clear skies and sunny, but now the skies are threatening to open up and sweep me away! The winds of worry are whipping around me. I have an unseasonable absence of joy, a thick fog of depression is swirling around me, and a hailstorm of a health diagnosis is producing a firestorm of fear. There is a high pressure system approaching my marriage. Not to mention I have the consequences of a bad decision hovering directly over my head, and the temptation of taking the easy way out is taunting me. So, yes, saying that I am weary of the storms of life is an understatement. I could use some StormProofing right now. So get in here—help me!

**Saleslady:** *(comes in)* Seems I came in the nick of time. Have you remembered to take time in your place of shelter?

**Kelly:** Well, no...

**Saleslady:** Well, you know that quiet place of rest is always your first line of defense. When trials and temptations are at their worst, you need to retreat to your refuge in the storm.

**Kelly:** Well, do you have any other products to help me in my situation today?

**Saleslady:** As a matter of fact, I do! These “Glasses of Faith” are absolutely critical in your situation. Storms like these test your faith, so you need to be wearing them at all times. I also have our “Romans 8:28 Umbrella” that can absolutely be relied on in the worst of storms. Its truth will protect you from the driving rain of lies and unbelief. It is a multifunctional umbrella—it is hail-proof, sleet-proof, and you can even use it as a weapon incase of spiritual attack if necessary.
Kelly: I’ll take them.

Saleslady: I also have the “DoubtBuster 2000” which is guaranteed to vacuum away those lingering doubts, if used in conjunction with the Glasses of Faith and the Romans 8:28 Umbrella.

Kelly: I have a health diagnosis hailstorm brewing. Will this umbrella help with that?

Saleslady: It won’t necessarily prevent that hailstorm, but you can rely on God’s promise that He will use the hailstorm for your ultimate good. It can protect you from the winds of worry. And when a dust storm of doubt comes your way, our DoubtBuster 2000 will be of great help.

Kelly: Wow. Thanks for your timely visit—again.

Saleslady: (looking at phone) According to my up-to-date always accurate StormProofers Weather App, there are still popup storms in your area. Do you feel better prepared now?

Kelly: I do! Glasses of Faith, a Roman’s 8:28 Umbrella and the DoubtBuster 2000. I am going to take them into my hiding place and get better acquainted with thee bad boys.

Narrator: Bill, the craziest thing has happened. What was expected to be the storm of the century, possibly producing a 100-year flood, has been averted. There will still be some weather issues to deal with, but Doppler radar shows that the super-cell has dissolved on its own, leaving scattered thunderstorms in the area. These storms could still have damaging winds and hail. But they can be managed with the correct precautions. Yes, Bill, I officially report no super-cell storm in this area! This is good news for Plano, Texas, today (glances up) Oh, my, I see a rainbow forming in the east—what do you know about that? That’s a surprise! This is Rayna Shine of KCCP signing off, and may your ten-day forecast be a sunny one.