

Bethel Baptist Church

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Storm Alert

Carl Chinn relates the following: “Our sons earned money through High School mowing 5-acre plots with our farm tractors. One of our oldest (twins) learned a lesson in storm readiness while mowing one summer day.

As he was mowing a plot, a single large hailstone hit the ground beside the tractor with a thud. Between baseball and softball sized, it hit so hard he actually felt the impact from the tractor.

He looked up and all around. Not seeing any threatening clouds or evidence, he thought, “huh — that’s strange — I wonder where that came from?” He continued mowing.

He was on the far side of the 5 acres (away from any shelter) when the skies dumped. He quickly shut down the tractor and huddled under it for protection. It would have been disastrous to try and make it the 200 yards +/- back to the little shed on the place (which he had passed by after that first hailstone hit). It became one of those bad Colorado hailstorms that knocked out windows, caused accidents, and required snowplow cleanups.”

Think About it:

“A prudent man foreseeth the evil...” The earlier we respond to seeing danger, the less effect that danger will have on ourselves and upon those whom we protect. To delay response is to enable harm.

You probably read ahead of me and knew what was going to happen to my son — because you are one of those types who “foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself”. But ask yourself — are there some thuds that have hit around you that you need to be more mindful of? Has there been an early warning of some storm you should be preparing for?

As I contemplated today's writing, I really wanted to write about de-escalation. I would give anything if our political leaders would set an example of de-escalation. That isn't going to happen.

We should continue to seize every opportunity for de-escalation, but there are giant hail stones hitting around us.

Get ready for stormy times.