
[Hurricane Sandy OTW - ReadyChristian?](#)

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With over 60 million people likely affected by Hurricane Sandy due to make landfall hours from now carrying 8 -12 foot water surges and two feet of snow in some areas it will likely paralyze the east coast for several days if not weeks. Over 900 miles of the U.S. east coast and inland as far as the Michigan will be affected. And with one week or more of power outages in the area commonly transacting business that affects the nation, we are all likely to feel the effects even if we do not live on the east coast and have to go to shelters. This has the potential to become the largest storm in the history of the U.S. as 90 mile an hour winds are unsustainable in terms of key infrastructure. For most people today just being without their cell phone alone produces anxiety, much less the frustration which comes from over 8,000 flights which have been cancelled now affecting flights coast to coast. Then, if you factor the frustrations of not being able to get to meetings with the transit systems shut down, you now have a perfect storm in not only the physical arena but the spiritual, emotional and mental one as well.

CEN would agree with much of what FEMA Director Craig Fugate, a well respected first responder with a wealth of experience, said yesterday: "It's going to really come down to the public heeding those evacuation orders, taking protective measures. If they haven't gotten ready, they can go to [Ready.gov](#) Get information on how to protect them and their families, but also check on your neighbors. This is going to be a big storm. We need to be there for each other." His reference to "we need to be there for each other" is a striking departure from the traditional FEMA Ready messaging - make your own plan, make your own kit and get informed. The Director is now calling for us to help each other rather than merely thinking of ourselves.

As Christians we know we need to be there for each other and we need to "be there" spiritually, emotionally, mentally as well as physically. Since the government website, while filled with much good information, cannot help you learn how to be spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically ready to help yourself and others from a biblical worldview, CEN has developed the [ReadyChristian](#) training program as a self-study or small group study in order to develop a support response network of family and friends, to prepare and to respond biblically to crisis of all kinds, large or small.

There is a reason almost 89% of volunteers who assist government after the initial response to disaster are faith-based, they have a heart to serve. There is a reason 90% will ask "Where is God in this?" once the physical needs are met and the hole in their hearts remains. There is a role in crisis response that only Christians, who are spiritually mature themselves, can fill. That is why we must become a [ReadyChristian](#), not only to help our own families survive but to go the extra mile with those who are spiritually adrift in crisis and provide them "the eternal life raft" - Jesus Christ. Do you know how? CEN's [ReadyChristian](#) is a FREE downloadable training to assist you to be ready to survive and to

help others in crisis. CEN stands with you as you stand with others in crisis needing His raft.

Are you a [ReadyChristian](#)? Find out by taking the FREE Biblical Readiness Assessment.