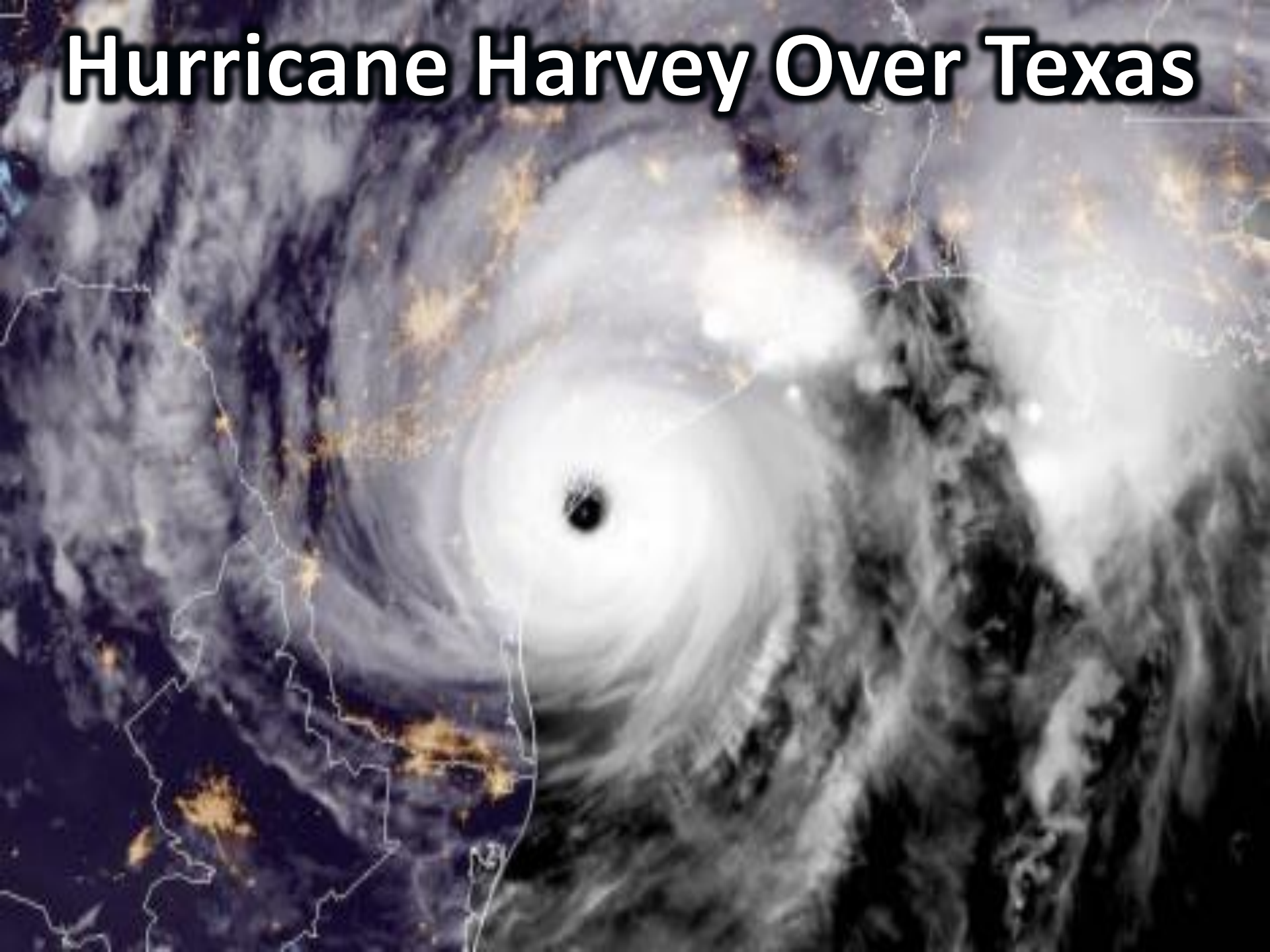


# Hurricane Harvey Over Texas



**37,000 Houses damaged; 7,000 destroyed.**



**Aerial views of Lumberton, Vidor, Beaumont**



# Rescue boats fill a flooded street as flood victims are evacuated.





# HURRICANE HARVEY August 25-29, 2017





# HURRICANE HARVEY - 82 Deaths



Just *a little (?)* elbow grease and it will  
be as good as new?





Kids been tracking in *a little dirt* lately?



# Honey, do you think *My Car Upholstery* *Got Wet?*





# Nursing Home Residents *Trapped Inside.*



Some homes had water **1'; 3' 6' Deep.**



If yer getting' out these doors – **Swim !**



# Financial Loss and *Emotional Toll.*





**Want to help? *We're goin to Texas!***

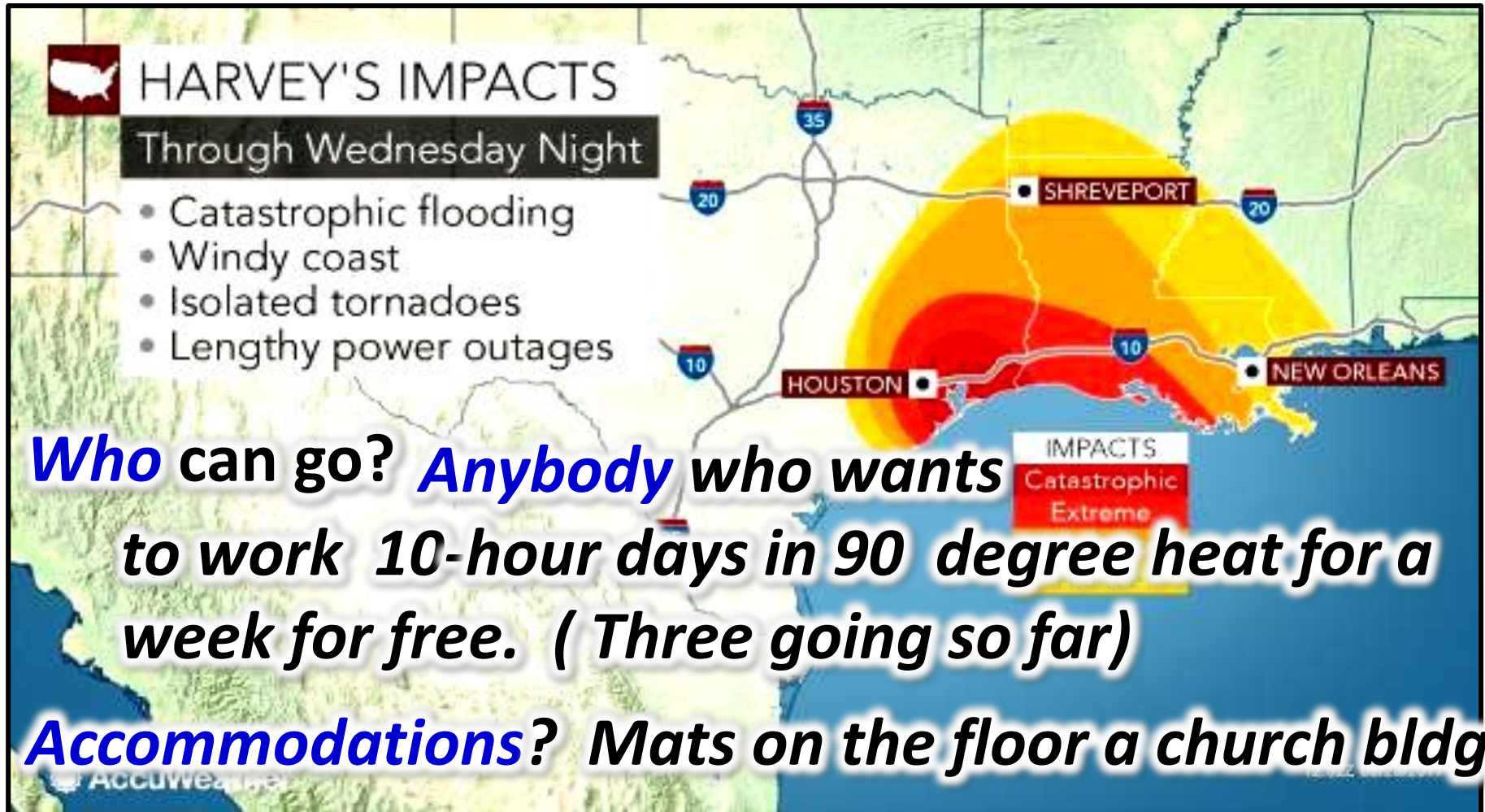


**Janice Forse cries at the emergency shelter at the Civic Center in Beaumont, Texas.**



**We leave next Sat morn Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***We return Sat evening Sept 30<sup>th</sup>***



***Who can go? Anybody who wants to work 10-hour days in 90 degree heat for a week for free. (Three going so far)***

***Accommodations? Mats on the floor a church bldg***

# The Joy of Giving !



## Three Commitments of Generous People:

1. ***Nothing*** I have belongs to me. (Acts 4:32)
2. I ***won't grumble*** about what I lack. (Phil 2:14)
3. I ***will invest*** the gifts I've been given. (Mt 25:16)



# They Need *Boots on the Ground*

1. They Need Help NOW (Jas 2:15)  
Demo is mostly done. Insulation  
& sheet rock is next.

2. Give Wisely (Mat 10:16)  
I had AK air miles to share.  
Still \$1K some airfare, car, food.  
We'll give all additional to saints in TX.

3. Give Joyously (2 Cor 9:7)

4. Even a Little is Much (Lk 21:2-3)



# 1. Meet Pressing Needs

Titus 3:14 And let our people also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs that they may not be unfruitful.

*“As if you felt their pain in your own bodies.”*

Gal 6:10 *Do good to ALL men, especially those of the household of faith.*



## 2. It Creates Joy

2 Cor 9:11 [Your] *liberality*  
which through us is *producing*  
*thanksgiving to God.*

2 Cor 9:12 This service is not only *fully supplying*  
*the needs of the saints, but* is also overflowing  
*through many thanksgivings to God.*

# 3. It Honors God

2 Cor 9:13

*They will glorify God for your obedience to ...the gospel of Christ, & for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all.*



2 Cor 9:14

*They also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.*

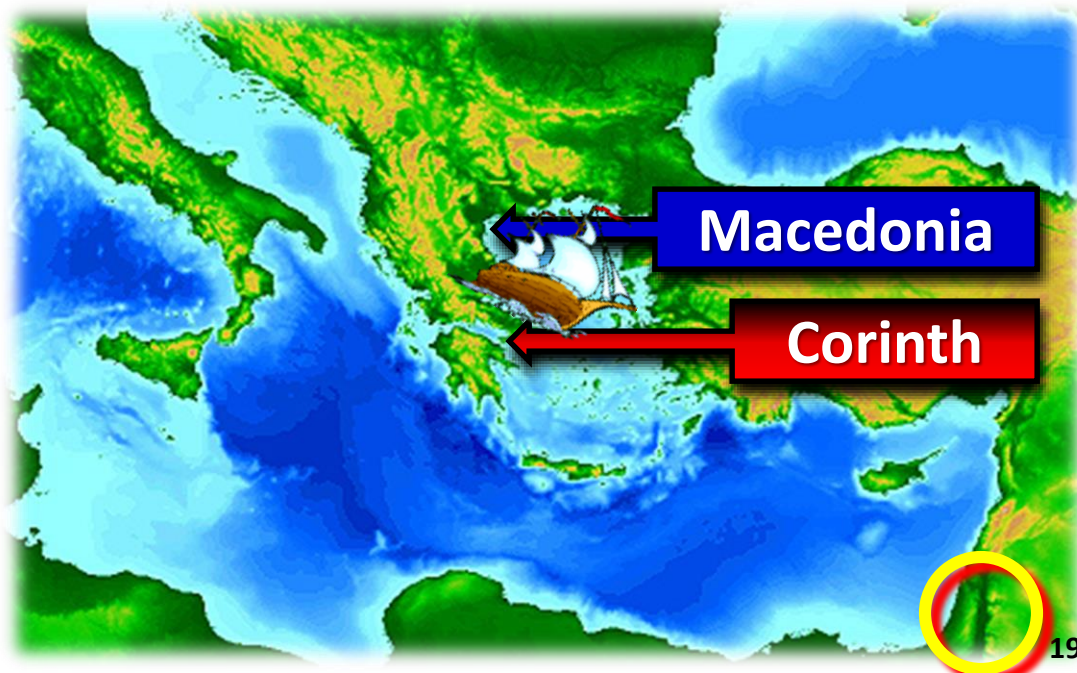
*Giving not only Exalts GOD but builds bonds between believers!*



# 4. Inspires Others

2 Cor 9:2 I know your readiness, of which *I boast about you* to the *Macedonians*, namely, that *Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.*

2 Cor 8:24 *Openly* before the churches show them the proof of *your love* & of our *reason for boasting about you.*



# 5. It Nurtures Your Children

**Ps 37:26** “All day long he is gracious and lends; and his **descendants are a blessing.**”



**Children Learn What They Live!**

*Dorothy Law Nolte PhD*

If children live with **criticism**, they learn to **condemn**.

If children live with **encouragement**, they learn **confidence**.

If children live with **acceptance**, they learn to **love**.

If children live with **sharing**, they learn **generosity**.

If children live with **honesty**, they learn **truthfulness**.

If children live with **fairness**, they learn **justice**.

If children live with **kindness** and **consideration**, they learn **respect**.



# 6. It's a **Balanced Humility**

**1 Peter 5:6** *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may **exalt you***

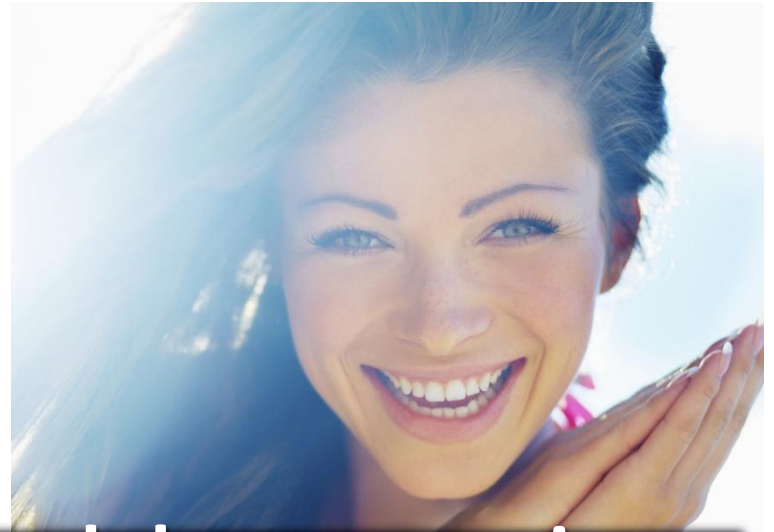
## Ways to Express Humility

- a. **Accepting Help** when I need it. (Norman Hoffman)
- b. **Give Help** even if I've been disappointed before. (*Gal 6:9*)
- c. Learning to "**Pay it Forward**" and "**not back.**"
- d. **Rejoicing** in sacrifice and not in greed. (Amos 2:6-7)

# 7. It Blesses You

Prov 22:9 He who is generous will be blessed...

Matt 6:20 Lay up for your - selves treasures in heaven



Maya Angelou: "I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

Peyton March: "There is a wonderful law of nature that the three things we crave most in life -- happiness, freedom, and peace of mind -- are always attained by giving them to someone else."