

A wide, powerful waterfall cascades over a rocky ledge, creating a thick mist. A vibrant rainbow arches across the mist on the right side of the frame. The background shows a clear blue sky and a line of green trees on the horizon.

# ***POWER OF LOVE***

***Two weeks ago our lesson was  
"Joy of Giving"***



Power of Love **PRINCIPLE #1**

God will take care of you

Isa 43:2 *When you pass through the waters,*  
I will be with you; and through the rivers,  
they will not overflow you...

v.3 for I am the Lord Your God.

Flood victim, *Delores Barrier*: “What helps is  
knowing God is in control.” (Dowlen church, Beaumont)

***Our Team of 5*** went to ***Gulf-Coast Texas***



# POWER OF LOVE

## PRINCIPLE #2

### Love your neighbor

**Luke 10:25-37**

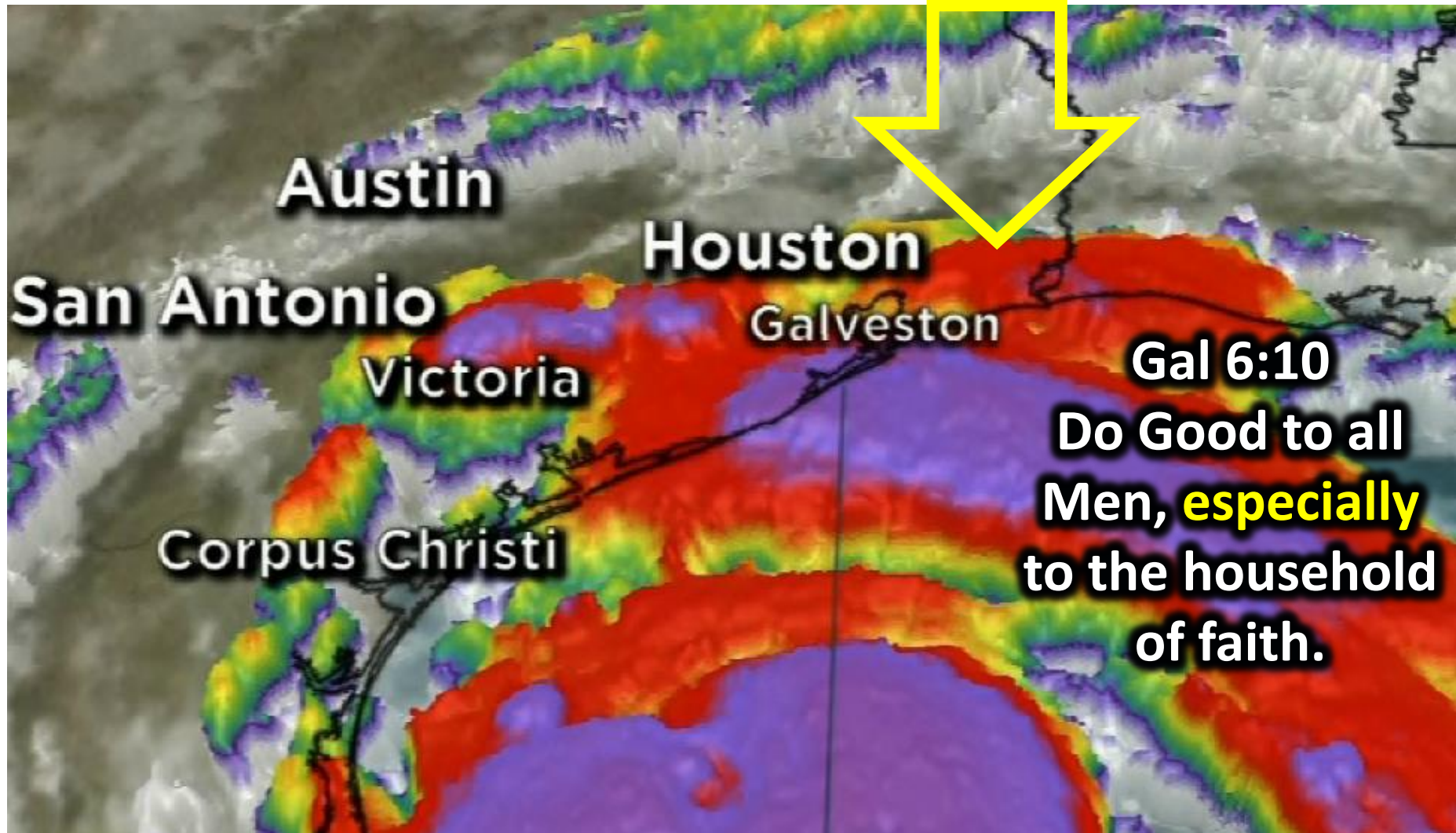
**Question:**

Lawyer  
asked..  
"Who **IS**  
my neighbor?"

**Answer:** Anyone you have opportunity to help.



We Worked **85 mi East of Houston,**  
and **60 mi West of Lake Charles,** Louisiana.



This coastal area is almost pan-cake Flat with lots of bayous

Evening prior- Nothing. Next morning 1-6 feet water  
State-Wide ***37,000 homes damaged.***



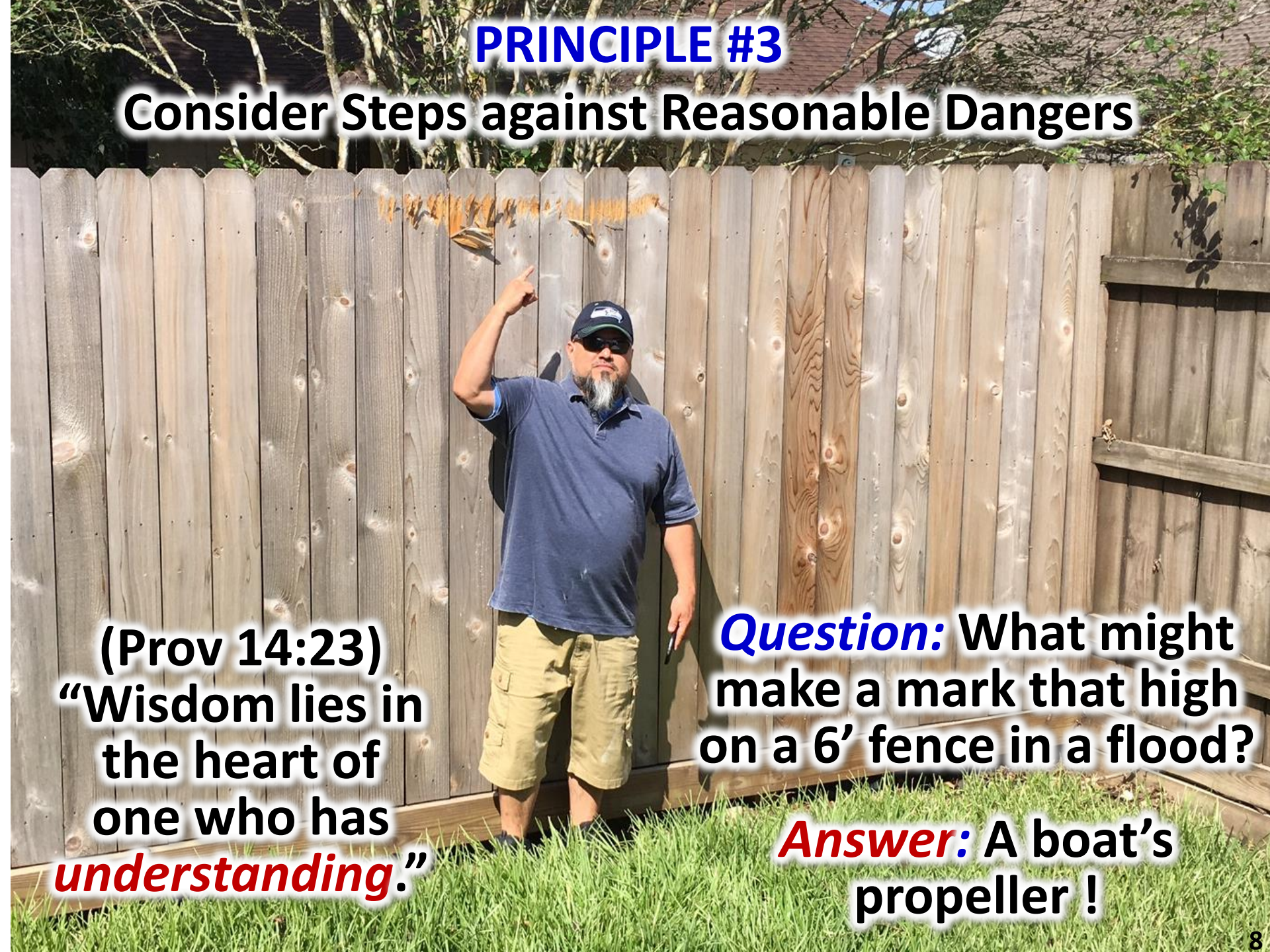
# Federal government plans **years-long** recovery effort in states hit by Harvey

USA TODAY 10:26 a.m. ET / Aug. 27, 2017



## PRINCIPLE #3

### Consider Steps against Reasonable Dangers

A man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a blue polo shirt and khaki shorts, stands in a grassy yard in front of a wooden fence. He is pointing his right hand towards a horizontal mark on the fence. The mark is a light-colored, irregular shape, possibly a stain or a mark made by a boat's propeller. The background shows trees and a house.

(Prov 14:23)  
“Wisdom lies in  
the heart of  
one who has  
*understanding.*”

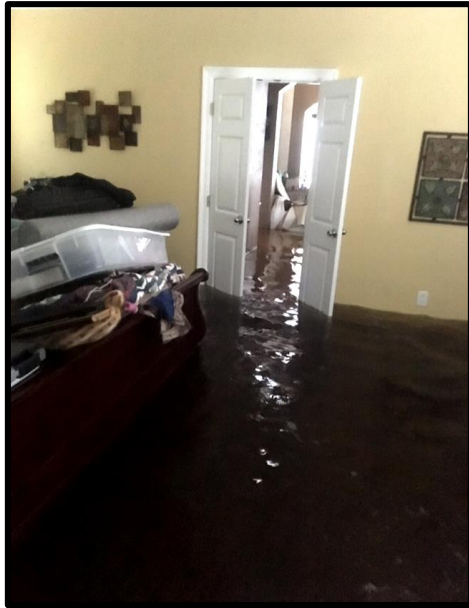
**Question:** What might  
make a mark that high  
on a 6’ fence in a flood?

**Answer:** A boat’s  
propeller !



# PRINCIPLE #4 Be Compassionate

Remember prisoners as being in prison with them (Heb 13:3)



## PRINCIPLE #5 Love Ardently

(1 Peter 1:22) Fervently *Love..* from the heart



Son Jared & mom Judy Gallier (Beaumont)



Gallier Extended family  
G'ma (Nita Day) fell during  
evacuation & broke her hip!

Judy forwarded to me a text that she sent to her kids ***this*** Sunday morning. *"To my dearest on earth, I don't miss my stuff, I don't miss my office, I don't miss my bedroom, I don't miss any of that stuff. I miss you & I miss my grandkids. I miss my life before the flood. I miss the closeness. Soon let us all be together even if is by Facetime. I'll love you forever, mom"*

## PRINCIPLE #5 Love Ardently

(John 13:34-35) Love one another *as I loved you*



**Allen & Sarah Davis**

**Beaumont, elder**



**Ethel Arcenaux**

**Beaumont flood victim**

**“First floor **flooding** came up to 6 ½ ft  
Furniture, flooring, photographs gone.  
It’s ok. It’s just stuff. We had too much stuff.  
Photographs? We hadn’t looked at ‘em in years.”**

## PRINCIPLE #5 (1 Peter 1:22)

*Fervently love one* another from the heart.

**Tom & Mandy Bounds**

*Thought they had flood insurance and didn't.*



**Sunday night went to bed and no flooding. She awoke to see folks in a canoe in her front yard.**



**The water reached up 5' to her shoulder. House demo'ed to the studs.**

**Two crews worked here Saturday morning:  
Crew of 5 from Seattle + 10 from Irving, TX**

# PRINCIPLE #6 Deliver funds *to the Elders*

Acts 11:29-30 [As] any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution *for the relief of he brethren living in Judea.*

v30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul *to the elders.*



Bowlen Rd Church  
Max Dawson  
\$10,000



North Main, Vidor  
Mark LeGendre  
\$5,000



Mauriceville church  
Chris Eppler  
\$5,000

# The Power of *Love*

## PRINCIPLE #7 Produces Much *Rejoicing*

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



Everybody rejoiced: *We workers did*, Victims, Saints, elders, TSA, Food & Rental Car & Airport personnel  
Other religious people, Everybody we talked to !  
And God gets the Glory !

*Surrounded by Destruction the **Mirrors** have their faces turned to the heavens*



**Is Your Life Like This? Maybe you're ready for a change.**

