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GRATEFUL FOR THE CAT

A nighttime tornado ripped through Florida this month, tearing away a roof and wall of some apartments in Ocala. One woman was awakened by her cat acting oddly and crying from the kitchen. She got up to see what the cat's problem was, and just when she got to the kitchen, the tornado tore away the walls and roof of her bedroom. "She moved at just the right time," said the woman's neighbor. "If she didn't move, she would've been right there" when the tornado hit.

GRATEFUL FOR THE LORD

At the end of the forty years of wandering in the wilderness, the children of Israel were instructed by God to remember how He had taken care of them. Their shoes hadn't worn out and the feet hadn't swelled. He had disciplined them as a loving father disciplines a child, but His intent was always to bless them. The Lord wanted them to remember His kindness when they got into the plentiful land He was about to bring them into.

1. Has an animal ever warned you of something you wouldn't have known about otherwise? What happened?
2. Why do we have to be taught to be grateful or to notice when someone has done us a kindness?
3. What helps you trust God's ways when things seem to be going badly around you?

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