

On my walk Sunday morning I was listening to some wonderful PRAISE music on my iPod and worshipping our great and awesome God. The morning air was crisp and fresh, after the rain storms we had had the previous day and night. As I was walking the sky above me was beginning to clear and from the west the sky was as blue and clear as one can imagine and directly above me the dark, gray storm clouds of yesterday were rolling away, giving ground to the blue sky above. As I turned down my street to head home I was listening to the song Praise You in This Storm by Casting Crowns. The words really hit home and I began to raise my hands in being so thankful for the God we love and serve. Here are a few words from this song.

I was sure by now  
God, You would have reached down  
And wiped our tears away  
Stepped in and saved the day  
But once again, I say "Amen", and it's still raining  
As the thunder rolls  
I barely hear You whisper through the rain  
"I'm with You"  
And as Your mercy falls  
I raise my hands and praise the God who gives  
And takes away

#### **CHORUS**

I'll praise You in this storm  
And I will lift my hands  
For You are who You are  
No matter where I am  
Every tear I've cried  
You hold in Your hand  
You never left my side  
And though my heart is torn  
I will praise You in this storm  
I remember when  
I stumbled in the wind  
You heard my cry  
You raised me up again  
My strength is almost gone  
How can I carry on  
If I can't find You

As I finished my walk I had the strong desire to turn back and look up behind me and there in the clear blue sky was the moon! It reminded me that we are a reflection of the Son and even though there may storm clouds that seem to separate us, we indeed are not alone! He is always with us and may we reflect him today and every day and rest in knowing that He Will Never Leave Us or Forsake Us!

HE DID IT!