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Harvey Approaches the Coast of Texas

“Imagine being on a spaceship, watching this storm barreling down on your family. Fingers crossed for the Gulf Coast.”

Former ISS astronaut Chris Hadfield was referencing the fact that Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX is home to the astronaut corps, as well as their families, when he tweeted these words on August 24, 2017. This image was taken as the ISS flew over Hurricane Harvey prior to landfall on Friday, August 25 at 1:16 PM.

The massive storm came ashore just east of Corpus Christi, TX on Friday night as a Category 4 hurricane. It progressed very slowly once over land, meandering in the direction of San Antonio before heading back into the Gulf of Mexico, northeast to Houston, and eventually into Louisiana. The result was unrelenting rainfall for days, and widespread devastation due to flooding.