

Mark 4:35-41

Storms

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- Til now, for most part, power of God has been experienced by OTHER PEOPLE!
 - 1:21-28 – Demons cast out. (Personal) - 1:29-31 – Peter’s mother-in-law is healed. (Personal) - 1:32-34 – Jesus heals many and drives out many demons.
 - 1:40-45 – Man healed from leprosy. - 2:1-12 – Man healed from paralysis.
 - 3:1-6 – Healing of man with shriveled hand.
- The thing about faith. It is tested and we grow the most when its personal.
- I need my own experience personal, not parents or friends. **I grow more when it happens to me!!**
- Sometimes we need to see for ourselves how we will respond. Test.

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- This is continuation from beginning of Mark 4. He’s been preaching from a boat in the water.

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- He gets done telling parables and He needs a break. **We need detached breaks.**
- He’s tried to get away, but crowds have followed Him. He decides to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee because that’s Gentile country. Jews didn’t like to go over there.
- **He doesn’t even get out of the boat. Doesn’t grab a toothbrush or a change of clothes.** *they took him along, just as he was, in the boat.*
- NOTICE: Jesus gives us His Word: *“Let us go over to the other side.”*
- He doesn’t say, let’s go to the middle of the lake and drown.
- Jesus said, we are going to the other side of the lake. Jesus Directed.

WE NEED NOT FEAR WHEN OUR DESTINATION IS DIRECTED BY JESUS.

- Whose idea was it to go to the other side via boat? Jesus. PROMISE
 - Make sure your journey is directed by Jesus.
 - *There were also other boats with him.* Others experience these storms too.
 - Both believers and unbelievers experience health storms, financial storms, relationship storms, family storms, natural calamities.
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- **Lifelong fisherman are afraid they are gonna die.** (Matt at sea for months at a time) San Juan Splash. Seen it all.

Why did this storm happen? God, Satan?

- **This could have demonic influence.** Next section Jesus casts out demon. The storm in your life could have demonic influence.
- **We blame Satan so that God doesn’t face any responsibility for the storm in your life.** Don’t do that. That challenges God’s sovereignty.

Isaiah 45:6-7 *so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.*

- **You ever have trouble sleeping from worry or fear?**
- **Jesus has plenty that could keep Him awake.** Religious & Political leaders plotting against His life, Family thinks He’s crazy, the needs of the crowds, did He pick the right disciples, the coming cross he would bear.
- **You have a doctor’s appointment coming up and can’t sleep and here Jesus has a hit out on Him.**

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- **You know what’s scary? When you are going through a storm in your life and there’s not sign of Jesus doing anything. It’s just getting worse.**
- **Ever been in a life storm and felt like Jesus was asleep?**
- Like He’s not paying attention to the problem.
- **It’s easy to trust when Jesus is active and obviously awake. It’s harder when it looks like He’s asleep.**
- Disciples don’t ask for the storm to be calmed. They’re in control.
- They accuse Jesus of not caring if they all drown.
- **When we think Jesus doesn’t care about us, we don’t have faith because we don’t believe the truth about Jesus.** – truth. Jesus cares that you drown.
- **They are like, “At least show us that you share our concern?”** That’s the point. Jesus isn’t concerned.

WE NEED NOT FEAR WHAT JESUS DOESN’T FEAR FOR US.

- He told them, *“Let us go over to the other side.”*
- Cooper, don’t be afraid if I’m not afraid. Clients – Don’t be nervous if I’m not nervous.
- **THEY ARE AFRAID BECAUSE THEY DIDN’T BELIEVE JESUS’ WORDS.**
 - Circumstances took their eye off what Jesus said.

WE NEED NOT FEAR WHEN JESUS IS IN OUR BOAT. (PRESENCE)

- **Is Christ in your boat. Fear is reasonable if He isn’t in your boat.**
- **Notice others near by are positively affected by Christ being in their boat.**

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- Jesus answers their rebuke with a rebuke. If you rebuke Jesus, expect a rebuke because you are wrong. (Same word used rebuke the demons- Reason storm demonic influence)
- ⁴¹ *They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”*
- They are confronted with the question- Who is Jesus? How you answer that question determines how you deal with storms.

WE NEED NOT FEAR STORMS BECAUSE STORMS ARE SUBJECT TO HIM.

Questions to ask as you enter a storm:

- 1 - *Who sent you where you are?*
- 2 - *Is Jesus afraid for you where you are?*
- 3 - *Is Jesus present with you in the storm?*
- 4 - *Is your storm subject to Him?*