

## The Place Called THIS - Part 2

### Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

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When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “**Silence! Be still!**” Suddenly the **wind stopped**, and there was a **great calm**.

Then he asked them, “Why are you **afraid?** Do you still have no **faith?**”

The disciples were absolutely terrified. “**Who is this man?**” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”

### THREE BIG IDEAS:

1. THE PLACE CALLED **THIS**
2. THE POWER OF THE RIGHT **FLOAT-MATES**
3. THE **WHO** THAT IS **ABOVE** ALL OF **THIS**

### TRUTHS CONCERNING THE **POWER** OF THE RIGHT **FLOAT-MATES**

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1. **GROWING** FROM **HERE** TO **THERE** IS A TEAM SPORT

Proverbs 17:17

A friend **loves at all times**, and a brother is born for a **time of adversity**.

Heb 10:24-25 NLT

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**Let us** think of ways to **motivate one another** to acts of love and good works. And **let us** not neglect **our meeting together**, as some people do, but **encourage one another**, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

### 2. YOUR FLOAT-MATES WILL EITHER ANCHOR YOU OR SINK YOU

#### Proverbs 13:20

Walk with the **wise and become wise**, for a **companion** of fools **suffers harm**.

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

Do not be misled: "**Bad company corrupts good character.**"

THREE ANCHORSHIPS WE ALL NEED TO GET THROUGH OUR **THIS**:

- ANCHORSHIP #1: **SAMUEL**: A FRIEND WHO MAKES YOU **BETTER**.

1 Sam 16:12-13

...Then the Lord said, "**Rise and anoint him**; this is the one." 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, **and from that day on** the Spirit of the Lord came **powerfully** upon David. 1 Sam 16:12-13

- ANCHORSHIP #2: **JONATHAN**: A FRIEND WHO HELPS YOU FIND SPIRITUAL **STRENGTH**.

1 Sam 23:15-16

<sup>15</sup> While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. <sup>16</sup> And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and **helped him find strength in God**.

- ANCHORSHIP #3: **NATHAN**: A FRIEND WHO TELLS YOU THE **TRUTH**.

2 Sam 12:7

Then Nathan said to David, "**You are the man!**"

### 3. QUESTION FOR YOU THIS: IS JESUS YOUR SLEEPING FLOAT-MATE OR IS HE YOUR LIFE-PRESERVER?

Mark 4:38

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