

SURVIVING THE STORM

Mark 4:35-41
1 Peter 1:3-12

1. The only **basis** for determining good and evil is the **existence** of **God**. (1 Peter 1:3-12, Daniel 2:28, Exodus 3:14, Revelation 1:8, Psalm 19:1-4, Job 12:7-9, Job 11:7, Isaiah 5:20)
2. When you are faced with **suffering**, God will be **with you**. (Isaiah 43:1-2, Joshua 1:9, Isaiah 41:10, Deuteronomy 31:6, Matthew 28:20, Hebrews 13:5, Romans 8:38-39)
3. When you **accepted** Jesus as your **Savior**, you became part of His **body**. (2 Corinthians 13:5, Romans 8:10, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 4:19, Romans 6:3-9, Acts 2:47)
4. The only way to ease your **suffering** is to **recognize** that Jesus is there with you **waiting** for you to call on Him if needed. (Romans 10:13, Acts 22:16, John 14:13-14, Matthew 21:22, John 16:24, John 14:14, 1 John 5:14)
5. Know that when **storms** come in your life, His **ultimate purpose** is to bring you out **stronger**. (1 Peter 1:6-7, James 1:2-4, John 16:33, Romans 8:28, Romans 12:12, James 1:12, Proverbs 3:1-6, 1 Peter 5:10)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Have you ever doubted the existence of God? If yes, explain. What do you say to people who do not believe that God exists?
3. As discussed on Sunday, everyone has experienced suffering and pain. After reading James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 1:6-7, think of a time when you went through serious suffering or a traumatic event. How did that event impact your faith? (John 16:33, Romans 8:28, Romans 12:12, James 1:12, Proverbs 3:1-6, 1 Peter 5:10)
4. If someone shares with you a serious illness or some traumatic event currently or in the past, what do you do? (1 Peter 4:12, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 55:22)
5. What are some things that help you not to be consumed by suffering or a traumatic event? (1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 107:13-16, Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 34:4, Matthew 11:28-30)
6. You learned three ways people approach suffering.
Ignoring the fact that Jesus is with you.
Knowing Jesus is with you, but you have trouble calling on Him.
Believing Jesus is with you in the boat and being able to accept His love and comfort in the midst of serious suffering knowing that your faith will be made stronger.
Which one of these three ways to do you tend to use when you suffer?
7. How has this lesson made you feel about suffering?