

Have you ever felt like - you've had ENOUGH?

**That you just can't take one more storm –
one more difficulty – 1 more crisis?**

**& have you ever felt like – instead of giving you the BREAK -
God has sent you – into ANOTHER STORM?**

**If you HAVE – then you can relate
To WHERE the Disciples are – today**

Really, Another Storm?

Let's Pray

Back in Mark Ch 4 (8 msg's ago)

**Jesus TOOK his Disciples
into a KILLER STORM on the Galilee
in order to PROVE - a critical truth to them**

That Msg was called - "When the Storm Hits"

& Since then - the Disciples had SEEN JESUS DEAL WITH

- A LEGION of Demons
- Some DESPERATE FAITH Healings
- & UNBELIEVABLE UNBELIEF from his home town of Nazareth

Then – Jesus sent the Disciples out on their first Missions Trip without him – which was certainly grueling for them

Then - They had to deal with the Emotional Trauma of John the Baptist being Beheaded - as soon as they got back

& at the SAME TIME - The ministry was hitting SO HARD That they didn't even have time to EAT

& so Jesus takes the Disciples away -
& They were thinking - they'd get some rest

but instead they (literally) become
the hands & feet of Jesus - Feeding 5,000 people

AS Jesus PROVED to them

That he was their SOURCE – For ALL they NEEDED –
in EVERY Situation – that he called them into

& Then - after All That – Today – Jesus SENDS his Disciples
INTO - ANOTHER STORM

We **Pick It Up** – **Just as** the **Disciples**
are **Picking Up** the **left overs**

From **5,000 people** - **they** just **served** a **free lunch** to

Then their next lesson starts in - Mark 6:45 (NLT)

45 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home.

Let's BACK UP – to the **events** of this **SAME DAY**

- **FIRST** – The **Disciples** had to **SEARCH** for a **Sack Lunch** among **5,000 People**
- **THEN** – they had to **SIT** All those **people** down in **groups**
- **THEN** – they had to **FEED** them **all**
- **THEN** - they had to **CLEAN UP** after **them**

THEN (v.45) – Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat - & HEAD OUT

& **Notice** this **URGENT LANGUAGE** –
v.45 says **IMMEDIATELY** – Jesus **INSISTED** . . .

that the **disciples** jump **BACK into** the **boat**
& **head BACK** onto the **Sea of Galilee**

This is **URGENT LANGUAGE** - of **Jesus** having

An **SPECIFIC PURPOSE** – & a **TIME-SENSITIVE PLAN**

& it **Becomes Clear** here – that **This Lesson** in
“The School of Exhaustion” – is **NOT YET OVER**

With all the **people STILL SITTING** on the **hillside**
Patting their BELLIES from the **Free Fish Lunch**

Jesus MAKES his **VERY WEARY**
& **STILL “Stretched-To-The-Breaking-Point”** Disciples

HEAD BACK out – onto the **Sea**
Very LATE in the **Day**

Now - As **many as 7** of these **Disciples** may've been **fishermen**
& **FOUR** were - **Fishing Boat CAPTAINS**

& **Boat captain** learns to **sense** a **storm** – **BEFORE it hits**

The **Barometric Pressure** Drops – the **Sky Turns** a little **different**
& the **Wind Changes** just **slightly**

& a **Seasoned fisherman** – can **SENSE** – **a storm’s-a-comin’**

& **Peter, Andrew, James, & John**
were **THOSE Seasoned Fishermen**

& I could see Peter – standing on the shore of the Galilee
& saying to John

“Can’t you feel it in the air?”

“I’m pretty sure there’s a storm comin’”

“Are you SURE we should OBEY Jesus on this one?”

Guys – If you are following Jesus –
there will come a time

When you are standing on the shore

And you know that God is SENDING you
into ROUGH WATERS

You can SENSE the Storm Comin

You can feel it in your BONES

& at THAT moment

You must CHOOSE

to either OBEY God– or DISOBEY God

& it will ALWAYS BE

a Defining Moment in your life

In JAN 2001 – 19 years ago

a set of Back-to-Back Miracles
brought my family around the Kitchen Table

& together – we sat on the shore

& we looked out into a very likely Stormy Sea
that God was calling us into

& That was the moment - that EACH Member of our Family

CHOSE to Obey God

& Come to Nuevo - to start this church

The Miracles had made God's Direction clear

But we still had a choice – to Obey or Disobey

We had already spent 10 years
building another church

& many of the wounds of THAT sacrifice
were still healing

& -as we looked out onto the Sea
of doing it all again

we KNEW that it likely meant
MORE Rough Seas were comin

& So – We went around the table that night

& each one - of the 5 of us

Made a choice – we each cast 1 vote

to either OBEY Jesus - & get in the boat
or STAY safely on the shore, where we were

& EVERY MEMBER of our family
starting with our TEENAGE kids

Said, “*We have no choice, we have TO DO
what God has called us TO DO*”

& within WEEKS –
we started THIS Work of God – In this town

& honestly - we had NO IDEA – Just HOW DIFFICULT
THE STORM was going to get

& I believe the Disciples
Were making the SAME choice

I believe they could SENSE the weather changing –
& were concerned – about the coming storm

But STILL - They Obeyed Jesus
& Got into the Boat – & set out

& to make matters worse

Jesus DID NOT get into the boat with them

Instead, we read in MARK 6:46

(IN the ESV – For ONE WORD)

Mark 6:46 (ESV)

46 And after he (Jesus) had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

A MOUNTAIN, in Scripture – is often used as

a Symbol of AUTHORITY – or a Place of AUTHORITY

So Jesus SENDS his Disciples

into what he KNOWS is going to be a STORM

& then He goes to a place of authority to pray for them

The book of Hebrews says – Jesus is RIGHT NOW sitting

in the Place of Authority – at The Father's Right Hand

& Hebrews 7:25 says (NLT)

25 . . . [Jesus] is able . . . to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

THAT is what Jesus is doing on YOUR behalf NOW

He is Interceding for YOU – From his Place of Authority

So – Jesus – is in the Place of Authority – Praying

& Any CONCERNS - the Disciples DID HAVE
about going out on the water that night

Were ALL coming to PASS

look at Mark 6:47 (NLT)

47 Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land.

LATE that night - MEANS

they had already been on the water – for a LONG TIME

& - for the boat to be in the Middle of the Lake

MEANS – it had been blown off course

Which MEANS – that the STORM had settled in to

the DEADLY BOWL that the Sea of Galilee - SITS IN

The Disciples were BACK – IN ANOTHER Killer Storm

& this time - Jesus was NOT with them

BUT . . . Jesus . . . SAW THEM

Look at Mark 6:48(a) (NLT)

48 He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves . . .

The Disciples were in **SERIOUS TROUBLE**

In the **Middle Of A Lake** that **becomes** a **WASHING MACHINE**
When a **Storm Hits**

They were **Rowing** with **everything they had**
to **keep** the **boat** from **capsizing**

& **this word** "**STRUGGLING**" in **v.48**

It **MEANS LITERALLY** - they were **BEING TORTURED**
by **the wind** and **the waves**

Jesus had (again) **SENT THEM** into a **MAN-EATING Storm** –
& it **looked like** – **this one** – **might take** Their **LIVES**

& **maybe YOU'VE BEEN THERE**

In The middle of a RAGING STORM –

IN the **Dark of the Night** –

Thinking you're **about** to **SLIP** under the **WAVES**

& you're **crying** out – *Lord, Where are you?*

& **maybe** even – *Lord, you SENT ME here? – HOW COULD YOU?*

& *now Lord, Are you going to LEAVE me here – TO DIE?*

**BUT - Look at those 1st TWO Words in v.48
HE SAW – Jesus SAW THEM !**

How in the World could Jesus SEE THEM?

From the Top of a Mountain

TO the Middle of the Sea of Galilee

IN the Middle of the Night ??

Jesus SAW the Disciples in the Storm

**The SAME WAY he sees YOU & ME
in OUR STORM – TODAY!**

Jesus SEES – the Circumstances - YOU are IN Today

**In the Middle of the Storms of Your Life
Jesus SEES YOU – He knows RIGHT where you're AT**

**He has NOT lost track of you
He has NOT forgotten you**

**PSA 139 says *there is NO PLACE you can Go*
*that the Spirit of God is not with you***

**& Rom 8 says
*There is NOTHING that can separate you from his love***

But . . . Maybe that raises another question for you

So **Now - Maybe you're saying**

***“Ok, if he sees me - if he knows I'm in this STORM -
WHY isn't he STOPPING IT?”***

Listen to me please – I'm NOT being Light about this

**MAYBE He hasn't Stopped it –
Because Maybe - it ISN'T TIME**

**Let me read the end of Mark 6:48 – out of the ESV –
Again for just ONE Critical Word**

Mark 6:48(b) (ESV)

***48 . . . And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them,
walking on the sea . . .***

The **FOURTH Watch** was from **3AM to 6AM**

the **NLT uses 3AM**, in **case** we **don't know**
what the **FOURTH Watch** of the Night is

But it's **very important** –

Because The **FOURTH Watch** – **Is The LAST WATCH**

The FOURTH Watch – is Just before the Dawn

It was the Darkest Part of the Night

& the Disciples were EXHAUSTED, DISCOURAGED,
and WONDERING if they were going to SURVIVE

WHY would Jesus WAIT to come to us
until our Darkest Hour ??

Maybe You've heard the analogy
of the Well-Trained Lifeguard

Who sees someone FLAILING AROUND
in the water, about to drown

& so they swim as fast as they can to GET NEAR that person –
just out of arms reach

& then – they STOP - & they WAIT –
until that person runs out of their own strength

& JUST AS they're ABOUT - to slip under water
the Lifeguard Reaches out - & SAVES THEM

Because if they would've TRIED any earlier

the person's FLAILING ATTEMPTS to save themselves –
would've drowned BOTH – Them AND the Lifeguard

Guys – Jesus SAW the Disciples – the Entire Time
He was WATCHING Over Them

& - When the Time was RIGHT
Jesus SHOWED UP in the Storm – WITH THEM

Jesus MET THEM - in their STORM
& he EXPERIENCED their Storm – WITH THEM

BUT – HERE IS THE MASSIVE DIFFERENCE

The Disciples were TORMENTED by the Storm

But Jesus was USING the Storm
as PAVEMENT for his Feet – to REACH the Disciples

AND NOT JUST - Reach the Disciples

Jesus was USING the STORM
to REVEAL HIMSELF to the Disciples

in a way that He ONLY COULD
By WALKING on the Storm – they thought would kill them

THAT – is the AUTHORITY of Jesus
Over the STORMS of our Lives

Jesus wants to USE THE STORM in your life

to **REACH YOU** in **a way**

that he **could NOT OTHERWISE** - **Reach you**

& **Right In the MIDST** - of **YOUR STORM**

Jesus wants **you**

to **EXPERIENCE HIS AUTHORITY**

As He **WALKS** on That Storm

In **order** to **REACH YOU!**

Dave - **Are you saying** - that **Jesus**
wants to **USE** this **Storm in my life**

for MY GOOD - & For HIS GLORY?

Yeah – that’s what I’m saying

AND - **Are you Saying**

that **Jesus** **MAY** let me **FLAIL AROUND**

Until I’m **Just** about **ready to DROWN**

Before he **REVEALS** **His AUTHORITY**

OVER this Storm – To Me?

Yeah – that’s what I’m saying

**& Guys - When Jesus DOES show up
in the Middle of your Storm**

DON'T MISS HIM - Like the Disciples ALMOST did

Let's read Mark 6:48(b)-50 (NLT)

48 . . . About three o'clock in the morning (fourth watch) Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them, (the inference is – it SEEMED like he intended. . .)

49 but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost. (seriously – if Jesus could use THESE guys, he can use US)

50 They were all terrified when they saw him. But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don't be afraid,” he said. “Take courage! I am here!”

**They were all terrified - But Jesus spoke –
“Don't be afraid,” - “Take courage! I am here!”**

THIS IS THE LESSON – Right here

- **IN the MIDST of the STORM**
- **IN the FOURTH WATCH**
- **IN the DARKEST HOUR of the NIGHT**

<p>Jesus <u>STEPS INTO</u> the Storm - <i>with His Disciples</i> & he <u>WALKS ON</u> the Storm - <i>in His Authority</i></p>

& he says – To THEM – AND – To US

“Do not be afraid,” - “Take courage! - I am here!”

**THE ANSWER – to the Storms In Our Lives
is to MEET Jesus there**

**AS HE - STEPS INTO the Storm - with Us
& he WALKS ON the Storm - in His Authority**

**Then - WHAT HAPPENED to the Disciples
Can happen to YOU - & to ME**

It's in Mark 6:51(a) (NLT)

51 Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped . . .

**MEET Jesus – AS HE STEPS
INTO Your STORM**

ALLOW Jesus - to Use the STORM in Your Life
AS Pavement for HIS FEET – To REACH You

**& When you TRULY DO
the WIND - & the WAVES – Will STOP**

**& finally – WE SEE the CONNECTION - of This Event
to the Feeding of the 5,000**

The Next Vs PROVES – Jesus is STILL Teaching The Disciples
The SAME LESSON!

Mark 6:51(b)-52 (NLT)

51 . . . They were totally amazed, 52 for they still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.

This DEADLY STORM
Orchestrated By Jesus

Was Connected to the LESSON
of the Feeding of the 5,000

Because . . . the disciples still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves

Jesus is STILL trying
to teach the Disciples the SAME Lesson

Is it possible that Jesus is still trying
to TEACH US the Same Lesson?

The Lesson – of the Feeding of the 5,000 – (For Us) was

<p><u>Jesus</u> is <u>our Source</u> – for <u>ALL</u> that <u>we Need</u> – in <u>EVERY Situation</u> – <u>TO DO</u> – <u>ALL that He</u> has <u>Called us TO DO</u></p>
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Is there a Chance

that **WE** still **haven't learned** that?

Is there a Chance – That **OUR Hearts** –

Like the **Disciples** – are **TOO HARD** to **take** this **Lesson in?**

Let's LEARN – This **Lesson**

BEFORE we **HAVE to experience**

ANY MORE – **Life Threatening Storms**

Jesus is **TRULY** our **Source** – for **ALL** that **we Need** –

in **EVERY Situation** – **TO DO** – **ALL** that He has **Called us TO DO**

HOW do we **DO THAT?**

Go Back & **Study** our **Previous Msg**

"Is Jesus Your Source? - PART 2" – for the **answer**

& **MAYBE** – **Go Back** – to the **FIRST Msg** as well

"Is Jesus Your Source? – PART 1"

Let's Pray