

DISCOVERING GOD IN THE STORM

Part 6

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Matthew 14:22-33 - ²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

²⁹ So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw ^[e]that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

[From "The Guardian"]

*"We are the Coast Guard's elite. We are the best of the best. When storms shut down entire ports, we go out. When hurricanes ground the United States Navy, we go out. And when the **Holy** Lord himself reaches down from heaven and destroys His good work with winds that rip houses off the ground, we go out."*

"RESCUE TRAINING 101"

3 MAJOR LESSONS OF RT101

1. **OBEDIENCE** - "...get into the boat"

Hebrews 5:7,8 - During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered

2. **TRUST** - "...go before Him to the other side"

Psalm 46:1-3 - *God is our refuge and strength*, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging

3. **FACING FEARS** - "It's a ghost!"

4 DISCOVERIES

1. **He will send you INTO STORMS!**

John 20:20-22 - ²⁰ When He had said this, *He showed them His hands and His side*. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! *As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.*" ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Luke 10:1-3 - After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

2. **He did not allow the storm to AFFECT HIM**

Acts 20:23-2 - ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

3. **He expected THEM to deal with the storm**

John 6:4-6 - Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "*Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?*" ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Luke 10:1 - After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

17 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

4. **They ALL ARRIVED SAFELY on the other side!**

John 6:2 - "immediately they were on the other side"

Philippians 1:6 - "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ"

Romans 8:28 - And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

***DISCOVERING GOD IN THE STORM IS DISCOVERING HIM
WORKING THROUGH YOU!!!***

Final Quotes from The Guardian:

[Instructor] - *I don't care who you are, where you're from, or where you're going. I care about one thing, and one thing only. That is the future victims that you will be asked to save. If I think that you will fail them. Then I will fail you.*

[Instructor] - *"If by some miracle you actually have what it takes to become one of us, then you get to live a life of meager pay with the distinct possibility of dying slow, cold and alone somewhere in the vast sea. However, **you also get the chance to save lives, and there is no greater calling in the world than that.**"*