Storms: Pt 1 - Everyone Faces Storms

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Isaiah 43:2 ESV “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you…”

Storms are <u>inevitable</u>, even when we are following Jesus.

Mark 4:35-41 ESV 35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The disciples were exactly where Jesus told them to be, yet they still encountered <u>a storm</u>.

“It is better to be in the storm with Jesus than smooth sailing without Him. If you are in the storm because you obeyed Him, then He is obligated to take care of you.” – Warren Wiersbe

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1) Storms do not <u>discriminate</u>.

John 16:33 ESV I have said these things to you, that in me you may

have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Following Jesus doesn't exempt us from adversity, it gives us Someone to walk through it with.

2) Most storms don't send a warning first.

Mark 4:37 ESV And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.

Life can change without warning.

3) Storms don't create faith; they reveal it.

Mark 4:38 ESV But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Fear reveals where our faith has been resting.

4) Jesus is present even when He appears silent.

Deuteronomy 31:8 NLT "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; **he will neither fail you nor abandon you**."

Do not mistake God's silence for absence.

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STORMS TEST OUR FAITH

James 1:2-3 ESV "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces

steadfastness.”

Storms may put our faith to the test, but they never diminish God’s faithfulness.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 ESV “But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.”

What storm are you facing?

Where is your focus? On the storm or on the Savior?