

# SERMON NOTES:

Series: Mark -The Simple Gospel | Week 16: No Storm is a Match for Jesus

## **Mark 4:35-41 (NLT) *Jesus Calms the Storm***

<sup>35</sup> As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." <sup>36</sup> So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). <sup>37</sup> But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

<sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

<sup>41</sup> The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

**When the storms of life hit, we immediately look for rescue.**

**When rescue does not come in the time or the manner we want, we are tempted to flounder.**

**Irrational responses in times of trouble might seem natural, but they are never helpful.**

**Moving from doubt to faith requires us to settle for peace and patience in the storm.**

## **John 16:33 (NLT)**

<sup>33</sup> I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

## **John 14:27 (NLT)**

<sup>27</sup> "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

- 1. He gives us peace in the storm of sorrow.**
- 2. He gives us peace when life's problems bring us uncertainty.**  
*"The real tragedy is not that we do not know what to do; but that often we do not humbly submit to Jesus' guidance."* **William Barclay**
- 3. He gives us peace in the storms of anxiety.**

## **Psalms 89:9 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> You rule the oceans.

You subdue their storm-tossed waves.

## **Psalms 65:5-7 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds,

O God our savior.

You are the hope of everyone on earth,

even those who sail on distant seas.

<sup>6</sup> You formed the mountains by your power

and armed yourself with mighty strength.  
<sup>7</sup>You quieted the raging oceans  
with their pounding waves  
and silenced the shouting of the nations.

**We have every reason to trust God, even during the most overwhelming challenges life can throw at us.**

**2 Corinthians 12:10 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup>That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup>We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup>And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup>And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

**James 1:2-4 (NLT)**

<sup>2</sup>Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup>For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup>So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

**1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)**

<sup>7</sup>These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

**Storms are part of the process of spiritual growth.**

*"Understand and believe that it is through storms, afflictions, hardships, and challenges that you grow. Without them you would be captive to the tyranny of self. Understand that Christ wants to be developed through the storms ahead. Know that he is completely capable of delivering you with a word. He is the same Christ who calmed the storm...Know that he is in the boat with you. He is in you. Exercise this faith and lay down your fear. For when this faith is active, fear vanishes!" R. Kent Hughes*