

To Walk With Jesus Part 3

Mark 6

45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. **46** After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

47 Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. **48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.** Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, **49** but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, **50** because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” **51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down.** They were completely amazed, **52** for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

53 When **they had crossed over, they landed** at Gennesaret and anchored there. **54** As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. **55** They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. **56** And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, **and all who touched it were healed.**

The background leading up to our text:

- Jesus sent out the twelve disciples for the first time: They went out and preached. They drove out demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.
- John the Baptist gets beheaded
- The Disciples return and tell Jesus all they have done.
- Jesus says let’s go away to a solitary place so you can rest.
- A crowd follows them, then Jesus teaches them and Miraculously feeds 5000, not including women and children.
- Then after all this our text says:

Vs. 45 Immediately **Jesus made his disciples get into the boat** and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

Stuff happens when Jesus gets around water...

It was on the water that Jesus called Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him:

Luke 5 - Jesus was standing at the Sea of Galilee teaching the people when he stepped into Simon Peter's boat. Simon was mending nets along with James and John in their boat when Jesus told Peter to push off from the bank so he could teach the people from there.

Then Jesus said to Peter let down your nets into the deep and Simon Peter said

5 "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

It was in a boat on the water that Jesus fell asleep during a great storm:

Mark 4

35 That day when evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a pillow. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Stuff happens when Jesus gets around water...

For a moment; I can imagine what it was like to be with the disciples when Jesus said ok boys let's head down to the water...

By this time I wonder if they're thinking; oh here we go...
I mean miracles are great, but the stuff you go through to get there...

Vs. 47,48

Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. **He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.**

I wonder if the Disciples thought Jesus couldn't see them...
I bet they thought Jesus was at Motel 6...
But the word says He saw them, straining at the oars, because of the wind...

I believe there two kinds of storms:

1. The ones I get myself into
2. The ones God gets me into

- In every storm I always ask myself did I do this?
- Or is this because I'm simply being obedient to God?

Story: Crazy things happening on the way to Revival.

It's imperative that we know how to read our storms...
Oh to know the Will of God in every circumstance...

Here are a couple ways you can know God's will:

1. **Romans 12:1,2**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be

transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Question 1: Am I offering myself as living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God?

Question 2: Am I conforming to the pattern of this world or am I walking in a renewed mind?

- There were many times when the Apostle Paul was beaten and imprisoned, and it was because he was doing God's will...
- There were other times God prevented Paul from doing certain things, like in Acts 16 it says that Paul and his companions were kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. The Spirit of Jesus would not allow them so they passed and went down to Troas. Then the Lord showed him a vision of man in Macedonia standing and begging him to come.

2. Did the Lord speak to me about this?

- In other words, do I have a Word from God?
- Have I allowed him to confirm that word?

Vs. 48

Jesus saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.

Listen if your going to follow Jesus your going to have wind: You have got to understand right now there is going to be some wind that comes against you...

It's wasn't until Moses was born that decrees come out in Egypt to kill baby boys...

It's wasn't until Jesus was born, that Herod made a decree to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and it's vicinity that were two years and under...

But guess what: They both made it...

The Greater God's purpose; the greater the spiritual winds of resistance will blow...

If you struggle with wanting to give up it's because God has a purpose...

How about feeling not good enough, unqualified or just plain incapable?
Well so did Moses...

Your Struggle is a sign...

Leader: Comes from the Latin word Journey

Manager: Comes from the Latin word to Handle - with your own hand.

God hasn't called you to handle it; He has called you to Journey with him...
That's where he makes leaders...

Vs. 48-51

48 Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, **49** but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, **50** because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." **51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down.**

Vs. 48

"Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake."

Do you know what's just before dawn?

The saying goes; "It's always darkest before dawn"

Well I don't know if that's true but when I look up Dawn this is what it says:
Dawn is the transition from night to day as the sky gets brighter and the morning twilight heralds the beginning of a new day.

How many people quit just before a new day?

Just before dawn...

Vs. 51

Then (Jesus) climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down.

Vs. 53-56

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Vs. 53 - They made it

“When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there.”

I have a word for you - your going to make it...

All who keep their eyes on Jesus make it...

Vs. 56

...They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, **and all who touched it were healed.**

After every challenge something amazing happened...

In Mark 4 when Jesus fell asleep in the stern of the boat and got up and rebuke the wind, when they landed, Jesus set the Gadarene Demoniac free.

Come On:

On the Journey of walking with Jesus, there is going to be wind and storms.

Don't let the storm stop you...

Don't let the darkness disillusion you...

Breakthrough always comes after the battle...

Closing:

1. **Jesus made his disciples get into the boat**
2. **He saw them straining at the oars**
3. **Then he came to them walking on water and climbed into the boat**
4. **they crossed over and landed**
5. **and all who touched him were healed.**