



**Title: Gospel of Mark: The Wind And The Waves Obey Jesus.**

**Scripture: Mark 4:35-41**

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**BOTTOM LINE: Jesus can be trusted in the storms of life.**

**Vs. 35**

**On the same day, when evening had come-** On the same day Jesus had given the parables, He gave His disciples direction.

**He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.”-** After a day full of ministry, Jesus told His disciples we are going to the other side. He did not say, let us go half-way, He specifically said to the other side. This would be a five mile trip across the Sea of Galilee by boat. They would be traveling to a place where Jesus was unknown.

**Vs. 36**

**They had left the multitude-** Jesus was on the boat but the multitude was still on the shore. He and the disciples were now going to leave.

**They took Him along in the boat as He was-** They took the boat that Jesus was in. From all appearances, they were leaving behind a stressful situation.

**They thought they were leaving:**

1. The crowd.
2. The stressful day.
3. The religious leaders who had it out for Jesus.

**Vs. 37**

**And a great windstorm arose-** The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by mountains and highlands. It is nearly 700 feet below sea level and is subject to violent windstorms. They left one stressful situation only to sail into another. Keep in mind that many of the disciples were fishermen and

had experienced storms on the water before. This storm however would be different.

**The waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling-** This storm did not just produce waves, these waves were breaking over the boat, bringing water in.

*Jesus had commanded them to get into the boat, and they were in the perfect center of God's will. Yet they were also in the center of a situation that was threatening their lives. - Tony Evans*

**Following God's will does not make you immune to heartache or troubles.**

**Vs. 38**

**But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow-** Here we see the humanity of Christ. After a long day of ministry, we can gather that He was very intentional about this planned snooze.

*Jesus' true humanity is shown by His brief sleep on the boat. He became weary and sometimes caught a bit of sleep wherever He could. - David Guzik*

**They awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?-** The disciples were apparently unhappy with Jesus' choice of activity during this moment. They were scared, so much so that they woke Jesus up. We can note that in addition to waking Jesus up they also made an assumption that He did not care about their situation.

*Jesus' presence in the boat did not prevent the difficult situation. Nor did His sleep indicate a lack of care for His followers. - D.L. Moody*

**Even during this storm we see that Jesus was at perfect peace in the Father's will. Likewise, we too can be at peace in difficult situations.**

**Vs. 39**

**Then He arose and rebuked the wind-** Jesus got up and rebuked the wind. Instead of engaging the disciples, He took care of their environment.

**The wind and the rain did not wake Jesus up, the fear of the disciples did.**

**And said to the sea, “Peace, be still!”-** Here we see the creator give creation a command. He literally told the sea to be muzzled. The same phrase was used when Jesus dealt with unclean spirits.

**The wind ceased and there was a great calm-** Jesus commanded the sea to be still, as a result, the wind stopped blowing, and the sea stopped churning.

*The One who calmed the storm was the One who had allowed the storm in order to teach the disciples to believe His Word. - Jon Courson*

**Vs. 40**

**He said to them, “Why are you so fearful?”-** Jesus asks this question in a way that infers that they should have never been afraid. Keep in mind they were in the will of God. Jesus told them that they were going to cross over to the other side.

*How is it that you have no faith?”-* Jesus rebukes His disciples for not having faith. The disciples knew Jesus was the son of God, yet for whatever reason they did not have faith. Their faith was in a boat and good weather, not in the Son of God.

*The greatest danger was the disciple’s unbelief. - D.L. Moody*

*It was their unbelief that caused their fear, and their fear made them question whether Jesus really cared. - Warren Wiersbe*

**Vs. 41**

**They feared exceedingly-** The sea was calm and the storm was gone; but they still had fear.

*In the span of a few moments, the disciples saw both the complete humanity of Jesus and the fullness of His deity.- David Guzik*

**Said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and sea obey Him!”-** The disciples asked a great question. They noted that Jesus was able to control creation.

*Why does God put you in frightful circumstances? So that you’ll learn to fear him more than your own circumstances. If you fear him above all else, you’ll trust His Word above all else. - Tony Evans*

The storm could not disturb Jesus, but the unbelief of His disciples disturbed Him. - David Guzik

**We can’t go through life thinking that the boat is going to go down. The boat cannot go down when Jesus is on board.**

**Fear and faith are interconnected. When we have more of one, we often have less of the other.**

*It’s easy to forget what Jesus did yesterday when we’re going through a storm today. - Tony Evans*

**Four Things We Can Consider When The Storms of Life Come:**

1. Be Joy filled.
2. Don’t let the terror outside sway you.
3. Don’t let the anxiety inside unseat you.
4. Don’t let bad theology mislead you.

*There are no storms that come into your life that do not first pass through his sovereign and loving fingers. If you know his character, you’ll know that he does nothing that is not for your good and for his glory.- Tony Evans*

**If Jesus is in your boat, it won't sink. When we have Him in our life, we won't go down.**



# 3D Guide

**DO. BOTTOM LINE: Jesus can be trusted in the storms of life.**



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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



## DISCUSS.

1. Have you ever struggled with a storm in your life? If so, how hard was it for you to keep focused on the truth of God's Word?
2. In what ways do you think the disciples applied this lesson to their own lives?
3. What are some ways we can apply this scripture to your lives?



## DO.

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.