

Sermon Notes - 10/16/19

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His Reflexes

Shout out to all the dads who have superhero reflexes and are always there to protect their children.

*Just like that video, God is doing so many things in our midst and He's doing so many things behind the scenes without us even understanding what's taking place. MESSAGE TITLE

Mark 6:45-48

"Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by."

What do we learn about Jesus from verses 45-48?

1. He is always watching, He always has His eye on us, He is both aware and concerned about our struggles and intervenes on our behalf even when we aren't fully aware. (Kids)
2. He values time by himself to pray. The hard day drives Jesus to pray, not away from prayer. (Choose another escape besides Him)
3. He sent His disciples into a "straining" situation. (nothing catches Him by surprise)

Mark 6: 48-51

"Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by. And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled."

What do we learn about Jesus from verses 48-51?

1. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, so He went to help them on 4th watch which is "Roman time" and is between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m
2. The disciples are met with the strong winds
3. Jesus performs another miracle: He walks on water (sea of Galilee). It's surrounded by mountains, it's 13 miles long, 8 miles wide, about 200ft deep, 700ft below sea level, it's specific location creates strong winds off the mountains and unpredictable storms.
4. Says His disciples didn't recognize Him (it wasn't natural for man to walk on water) Jesus was walking in the supernatural

Jesus walking in the Supernatural is where He was able to demonstrate His divinity, who He really was.

The Law of Nature: Governs the universe, law of gravity, law of motion.... God created it all. But those laws do not apply to God. He operates in the supernatural above all Natural.

Jesus said he came to fulfill the Law.

-the moment Jesus got in the boat the wind stopped. Why? Because He's all power and authority. He controls the creation. **the Creator is in control of the creation, the creation is never in control of the Creator.**

Jesus performing this miracle was to demonstrate 3 things

1. Jesus, the Son of God, makes God visible as God in the flesh. Nothing less than the presence of the Lord is sufficient to help the disciples and calm their fears. They've seen the miracles but this was the miracle that revealed He was the promised Messiah.
2. He Exposes their hearts (faith and fear) Peter believes and then has doubt, and the moment he was drowning Jesus rescues.
3. We don't recognize His presence enough during the storms. Too focused on the wind and circumstance, to feel, see, or hear that He's in the midst of it. And if we don't acknowledge His presence there's a chance that He will pass by us.

We all need intimate and tangible relationships with our Creator. So often we can't see, comprehend, or recognize what God is doing in our lives. Because we're not really connected.

I'm not looking for a WiFi relationship with God, I'm looking for the rotary dialed + hardwired-in relationship with God. The one that requires me to work for the person on the other line to pick up. And if the line is busy and in use, I know I have

to reach back out because there wasn't a missed call log.

CLOSING

Mark 4:12

"Jesus saying: "For even when they see what I do, they will not understand, and when they, hear what I say, they will learn nothing, otherwise they would repent and be forgiven."

700 years before Jesus was born...

Prophet Isaiah says in vs 6:9 to the people of God: *Then he said, "Go and tell the people:*

'You keep listening but understand nothing.

You keep watching but learn nothing.'

DON'T BE SEPARATED FROM RECOGNIZING YOU'RE IN THE MIDST OF GOD

Often more times than not our world view (perception) of God is what limits what God will do in our lives.

He wants to turn your anger into hope, fear into peace, hardened hearts into pure hearts, our negativity into positivity.

He's there, He's at work, He's intervening, He's not only working in your life but those around you.

He wants us to be as equally invested in Him, as He is in us.

He's changing the natural to supernatural.

If you're here tonight and you want to be more aware of Gods presence, more involved in your relationship, you want God to be part of your thought life, your relationships, your finances, your addiction, your decision making...

If that's you tonight I'm going to ask you to stand to your feet as we go into worship.

The mundane "the ordinary is where God reveals the extraordinary" that's the God we serve. Mercy, grace and love that surrounds us every moment, every day. He's

a father that's never abandons, never fails. He's all present and His reflexes are beautiful.

Let's recognize and honor His presence with worship tonight.