

Jesus: Serving, Sovereign Savior
Growing through Storms – Mark 4:35-41

Intro: Roosevelt, “A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.”

This is true about navigating a boat or a ship through stormy waters. It is also true about “navigating our vessel” through “storms” that we face, as we respond in the correct way and believe the right things.

I. The _____ Before the Storm – Mark 4:35-36

Jesus’ plan – “The _____ side...”

God’s plan is eternal, encompassing, and extensive (Isaiah 25:1; Psalm 33:11; Jeremiah 29:11)

II. The _____ in the Storm – Mark 4:37-38

A. The _____ Perspective – Wrestling in a Severe Storm

B. _____ Perspective – Resting in the Sovereign God

Quote – “It is a glorious thing to know that your Father God makes no mistakes in directing or permitting that which crosses the path of your life. It is the glory of God to conceal a matter. It is our glory to trust Him, no matter what.”

III. The _____ for the Storm – Mark 4:37-41

The disciples will look back, remember, and press on through whatever “dry land storm” they encounter.

A. The Lord Does _____ – 4:38

B. The Lord Is in _____ – 4:39

C. The Lord Does _____ What Promised – 4:38, 5:1

D. The Lord Did _____ His Identity – 4:41

Psalm 89:8-9 – “O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the seas; when its waves rise, you still them.”

Conclusion: We know God has as his plan to get us safely to the other side of “storms” and one day to be with Jesus in heaven.

Believe that is what the Lord will do. Believe that His plan will be fulfilled both for you and for those closest to you.

Small Group Questions

1. What is your favorite part of a storm?
2. Have you ever driven or sailed through a storm? What was it like?
3. Read Isaiah 25:1; Psalm 33:11; Jeremiah 29:11. What do you learn about God's plan from these verses?
4. How does the disciples' perspective in the storm differ from Jesus' perspective differ? What applications can you make to your life from these responses?
5. Read the quote from Joni Eareckson Tada. What do you find to be the most challenging with respect to living it out.
6. Read Mark 4:37-41. How does knowing that there are purposes behind your storms help you to be prepared to go through them?
7. Why is having peace with God in your life necessary before spiritual growth through storms can truly take place?
8. How is God calling you to think differently?
9. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?