

Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You





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Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV) - For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...

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Key Point

God puts us in seasons
for His purpose and eternal plan

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Key Point

**You can admire Authority...
but yet not be submitted to Authority**

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Summary of Mark 1-3

**Mark 1, Jesus reveals authority over the spiritual realm.
(Demons / Sickness)**

**Mark 2, Jesus reveals authority over sin.
(He forgives)**

**Mark 3, Jesus reveals authority over systems.
(Religion / Family)**





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Mark 4 Questions

1. Does He have authority over chaos itself?
2. Will we trust that authority when we are in the storm?



Mark 4:35–41 - 35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” **36** And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. **37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”



Mark 4:35–41 - 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”





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Big Idea

**Storms do not threaten His authority...
Storms reveal our submission.**

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POINT 1

The Sending

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Mark 4:35 (ESV) “On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’”

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Mark 6:45 (ESV) “Immediately he **made** his disciples get into the boat...”

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Mark 6:48 (ESV) - “**He saw** that they were making headway **painfully...**”

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Big Ideas

Transformation does not require trauma...
But it almost always requires tension.

Growth does not come from ease....
It comes from resistance.

God will allow storms in our life...
to show you: Who you are



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James 1:4 (ESV): “And let **steadfastness** have its **full effect** that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

"Steadfastness" means:

- To remain under pressure without fleeing

"Full effect" (teleion) means:

- A finished process of matured development



A person wearing a dark, hooded robe is seen from behind, walking away on a dirt path that leads towards a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and casting a long shadow of the person onto the path. The background consists of rolling mountains under a hazy, golden sky. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

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POINT 2

The Struggle

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Mark 4:37 (ESV)

- “A great windstorm arose...”

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**Job 38:11 (ESV) - “This far shall you come,
and no further, and here shall your proud
waves stay.”**



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Reasons Jesus allows Storms

- To deepen dependence
- To expose hidden insecurity
- To detach us from control
- To prepare us for assignment
- To reveal His glory



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Practical Steps in Struggle:

1. Anchor in Scripture when you feel emotion.
2. Refuse to accuse God when you're in pain.
3. Stay in the boat - don't abandon faith.
4. Submit what you cannot control - The Storm



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POINT 3

The Sovereignty

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Mindset Shift

We must have more fear of Him...
than we have for the storm

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Mark 4:40-41 (ESV): “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great fear...”



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Big Idea

The storm wasn't interruption...
it was preparation for the plan of Jesus

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RECOMMITMENT DECLARATION

“Jesus, even when I do not understand, I will follow. Even when the waves rise, I will trust. Even when You seem silent, I will submit. I release control. I release accusation. I release fear. You are sovereign. You are faithful. You are forming something eternal in me. I will follow You through the storm. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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