

GOD DID IT

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GOD IS WITH ME

God is good! All the time!

Today's Sermon:

- A Reminder
- A Question
- Practical Wisdom

REMINDER: JESUS IS WITH YOU

- “I am not alone”
- **Matthew 1:23** “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).
- **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?” 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?”

QUESTION: DID WE GET IT WRONG?

- Ask God: “**God what testimony do you want me to have in this?**”
- You don’t create the testimony, God does.

- **2 Timothy 3:10-11** 10 You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, 11 my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. 12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

- **Revelation 12:11** And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

- Polycarp – an early Christian leader and bishop of Smyrna. Brought before the Roman authorities and given the opportunity to renounce his faith in order to save his life, Polycarp famously replied, "Eighty-six years I have served Him, and He never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?" He was subsequently martyred for his refusal to deny Christ.

- **2 Timothy 4:17-18** 17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

People in the bible who had to endure difficulty:

- Jesus
- Job
- Joseph

- **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

PRACTICAL WISDOM: TO ENDURE TOUGH TIMES

- **Trust in God's Promises:** Anchor your hope in God's promises, knowing that He is faithful to fulfill His word.
- **Perseverance in Prayer:** Maintain a consistent prayer life, seeking strength and guidance from God during difficult times.
- **Community and Support:** Leaning on fellow believers for encouragement, support, and accountability.
- **Focus on Eternity:** Our present sufferings are temporary. We have an eternal hope in Christ.