

WEATHERING THE STORM
Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." ³⁶So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). ³⁷But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. ³⁸Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" ³⁹When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

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Truth of Today:

- Jesus wants you to WEATHER the storm.
- ❖ Jesus wants you to weather the storm because:

1. Storms can be a TEST.

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So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

Romans 10:17 (NLT)

2. Storms can happen SUDDENLY.

But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

Mark 4:37 (NLT)

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows."

John 16:33 (NLT)

3. Storms can cause you to DOUBT God.

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

Mark 4:38 (NLT)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."

Luke 17:5 (NLT)

4. Storms TEACH you about God.

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.

Mark 4:39 (NLT)

But Jesus reprimanded him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered.

Mark 1:25 (NLT)

While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: "The fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds. I am the only one who escaped to tell you."

Job 1:16 (NLT)

Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.

Job 1:19 (NLT)

5. Storms teach you about YOURSELF.

Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Mark 4:40 (NLT)

"Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

Mark 4:38 (NLT)

6. Storms STRETCH your faith.

The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Mark 4:41 (NLT)

O Lord God of Heaven's Armies! Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O Lord? You are entirely faithful. ⁹You rule the oceans. You subdue their storm-tossed waves.

Psalms 89:8-9 (NLT)

You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved. ⁶You clothed the earth with floods of water, water that covered even the mountains. ⁷At your command, the water fled; at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away. ⁸Mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed. ⁹Then you set a firm boundary for the seas, so they would never again cover the earth.

Psalms 104:5-9 (NLT)