

You are Never Alone

LESSON 3 – GOD IS WITH YOU IN THE STORM

“Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?”⁶ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.⁷ Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!” **John 6:5-7 (NLT)**

During difficult storms in life, it is easy to become so focused on the problem-whatever is causing the storm-that we miss what is happening in the midst of the storm.

These next two miracles prove to us two things:

- 1) Jesus is with us in the storm.
- 2) Jesus knows how to get us out of the storm.

Both truths are critical when enduring hardship.

- A. Hardship blinds us, making it difficult for us to see a way out or experience the presence of Christ.
- B. Jesus can solve our problems. But he also wants us to know that he is with us in the midst of hardship, not only when it is over.

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

1. Philip saw no way to help “so many” in the crowd.

Just offer Jesus, what you have and watch him work. It is not for you to tell him that your gift is too small. He can use what you have and see you through the storm until you reach the other side.

Jesus Walks on the Water

“A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water: and they were frightened. But he said to them, “It is I; don’t be afraid.” **John 6:18-20 (NIV)**

1. The disciples must have felt abandoned. “Surely Jesus will help us,” they thought. For six long hours, they fought the storm and sought the Master.
2. Before Jesus calmed the storm, he came to the disciples in the storm. And He said to them, “It is I.” Don’t be afraid.”

In the middle of our struggles, we wonder if God will ever arrive. But it is in these moments that he answers with his name. “I AM.” Jesus is with you in the storm and says, I am coming.