

You're Going Over, Not Under - Mark 4:35–41; Mark 5:1–20

Jesus has authority over every storm and every spiritual battle. Nothing is beyond His power, and no life is beyond His ability to transform.

Mark 4:35 - "Let us cross over to the other side."

Introduction: Storms are part of life. Some storms give us warning, while others arrive without notice. They may come through illness, financial struggles, broken relationships, anxiety, or unexpected loss. In Mark chapters 4 and 5, Jesus demonstrates His absolute authority over both the natural world and the spiritual world. First, He calms a violent storm. Then He delivers a man possessed by a legion of demons.

1. Jesus Has Power Over Our Storms - Mark 4:35–41

Jesus initiated the journey by saying, "Let us go over to the other side." The disciples entered the storm because they were obeying Jesus, not because they had disobeyed Him. Sometimes following Christ leads us into difficult seasons, but never without His presence.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to remember that the disciples were in God's will when the storm came?

2. Have you ever questioned whether Jesus cared about your situation? What helped strengthen your faith?

3. What does this story teach us about the difference between living by fear and living by faith?

Storms are inevitable, but followers of Jesus never face them alone. Faith is not pretending the storm doesn't exist. Faith is trusting the One who is in the boat with you.

2. Jesus Has Power Over the Kingdom of Darkness. Mark 5:1–20

Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee for one purpose: **One broken man**. This demon-possessed man had lost everything. No one could help him. Yet with one command, Jesus completely delivered him. This miracle reminds us that Satan always seeks to destroy, but Jesus always restores. The townspeople valued their pigs more than a transformed life. Jesus valued people above possessions. The healed man became the first missionary to the Decapolis, sharing what Jesus had done for him.

Discussion Questions

1. What does this story teach us about the value Jesus places on one individual?

2. Why do you think the townspeople focused more on their financial loss than on the man's transformation?

3. How can churches guard against valuing programs, buildings, or budgets more than people?

3. Living in the Power of Jesus - 1 John 4:4, Colossians 1:17, Colossians 2:15

Discussion Questions

1. How has God used a difficult season to strengthen your faith?

2. What part of your testimony could encourage someone else today?

3. What area of your life do you need to trust Jesus with more completely?

Three Responses to the Message

1. Trust Jesus in the Storm - Even when you cannot see what God is doing, He is still leading you to "the other side." What storm am I facing today that I need to surrender to Jesus?

2. Remember That God Can Use Your Testing - The power of your testimony often comes from the trials God has brought you through. How might God use my current circumstances to strengthen someone else's faith?

3. Allow Jesus to Continue Transforming Your Life - Jesus didn't simply calm a storm. He transformed a man. His greatest work is not merely changing what happens around us but changing who we become. What area of my life still needs the transforming power of Christ?