



Sticky Statement: Our MIGHTY GOD sometimes delivers us from our storms, sometimes our MIGHTY GOD delivers us through our storms, but at all times our MIGHTY GOD is with us in the storms!

"<u>FOR TO US</u> a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called ... Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

"Mighty God" = a strong warrior, champion

Q: What if the circumstances you're asking God to change are the very circumstances he wants to use to CHANGE YOU?

OUR MIGHTY GOD GIVES US 3 TRUTHS TO HOLD ON TO THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE:

1. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET THE <u>PRESENCE</u> OF A STORM CAUSE YOU TO DOUBT THE <u>PRESENCE</u> OF GOD. V34-38A

"That day when evening came, <u>he said to his disciples</u>, "Let us go over to the <u>other side</u>." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, <u>in</u> <u>the boat</u>. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped."v34-38

Focus on God's promises instead of your problems because it will remind you WHO'S WITH YOU and WHO'S FOR YOU?

• Exodus 14:4, Deut. 31:8, Isaiah 41:!3

Real peace is never found in the absence of a storm. Real peace is found in the presence of Jesus"

2. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEAR WHAT YOU <u>SEE</u>, YOU CAN REST IN WHAT GOD SAYS. V38-39

"Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown."v38

DOUBT IS NOT THE END OF <u>REAL FAITH</u> BUT THE BEGINNING OF IT.... DOUBTS DON'T HAVE TO DESTROY YOUR FAITH- THEY CAN DEEPEN IT.

"He got up, <u>rebuked</u> the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm."v39

(Experience the Word): "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the HOPE we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his PROMISE." Hebrews 10:23

Q: Where are you doubting GOD this morning? What promise from Gods' word do you need to hold onto in your storm this morning?

When you're tired & discouraged—Matt. 11:28-30. When you think it's impossible—Matt. 9:23. When you're ready to give up—Galatians 6:9. When you need encouragement—John 16:33. When your faith is low—Isaiah 40:31. When you lose hope and stray away from God—1 John 1:9. When you're looking for purpose—Matt. 5:14-16. When you don't feel worthy—Romans 8:33-36. When you feel alone and forgotten—Isaiah 43:2.

GOD, I need to hold onto the PROMISE ______ because I really need you to be ______.

3. YOU DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE <u>PLAN</u>, TO TRUST THAT GOD HAS A <u>PURPOSE</u>. C4:40-C5:1-2, 8

He said to his disciples, "<u>Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith</u>?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

DO THE WORD: Mighty God "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Prov 19:21

GOD right now I'm in a storm called ______and because you're MIGHTY GOD—the who fights for me and with me... help me hold onto the truth of ______

I don't have to let the presence of a storm cause me to doubt the presence of God.... I don't have to fear what I see when I rest in what God says.... I don't have to understand the plan, to trust that God has a purpose.