



Lessons from Life's Storms

Matthew 14:13-33

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Jesus selected and trained his apostles. Part of their training included incredible moments like the ones described in Matthew 14. The feeding of the 5,000 and walking on water are familiar stories that many learn as children. They are inspiring accounts that show the greatness of Jesus. But because of the familiarity of these stories, we sometimes unintentionally turn a deaf ear to them, thinking that they have no key application to our lives. In doing so, we miss what God wants to teach us.

It is popular in our day to believe that God does not allow bad things to happen to people who follow him. That is more than wrong - it enslaves people by pushing them to pursue pleasure and prosperity rather than Jesus. Storms in life come in many sizes and shapes. The adversity that we face may not all be the same, but we all face adversity and strife.

There are many lessons that the Lord can only teach us through life's storms.

1. The storms of life reveal our _____ - or lack thereof (14:13).

2. The interruptions of life show my focus: _____ or _____ (14:14-17).

3. In the chaos of life, Jesus is _____ (14:18-21).

4. When the storm is raging, we are _____ (14:24-33).

Main Thought...

Look to _____ and let Him _____ your faith through the storm!