

# DON'T FORGET WHO IS IN YOUR BOAT

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## I. THREE REMINDERS FOR EVERY STORM

### *1. When the storms rage... don't forget who is in your boat*

**Mark 4:35–37 (NLT)** As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

#### **A. Storms WILL test your faith-defining experiences**

**1 Peter 5:8– 9 (NLT)** Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. *He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.* Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

#### **B. Storms are inevitable.**

1. Prepared faith can withstand the unexpected storms.
2. Three tips for dealing with the storms in your life
  - Seek God
  - Seek Counsel
  - Seek Community

### *2. When it seems like Jesus is nowhere to be found... Don't forget who is in your boat.*

**Mark 4:38 (NLT)** 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?”

#### **A. Be careful that you do not allow your fear to become faith in the wrong thing.**

**1 Chronicles 29:11 (NLT)** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.

**B. Faith can turn into fear when your worries become bigger than your God.**

**Deuteronomy 31:8 (NLT)** Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

**3. *When the miracle takes place... don't forget who is in your boat.***

**Mark 4:39–41 (NLT)** 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. Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

**James 1:2–3 (NLT)** Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

**A. You have to go through the storm in order to experience the miracle.**

**B. An encounter with Jesus can change the outcome of any storm.**