

SERMON SERIES: Encounters
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Key Line

Jesus is with us in the storms of life.

Introduction

Think about your favorite book or movie.

- What is the main conflict in that movie or book?
- While you were in the middle of the conflict, how did you feel? Do you enjoy conflict? Why or why not?

Seek the Word

Read Mark 4:35-37.

- Why did Jesus go with his disciples on the boat? (*To get a break from the crowds*)
- What happened during the night? (*A terrible storm started.*)
- What was Jesus doing while the storm raged around them? How do you think the disciples felt when they saw that Jesus was sleeping? (*He was sleeping.*)

We sometimes experience the following types of negativity: personal, relational, circumstantial, spiritual, nitpicky.

- Which of these best describes you today? Why?
- A vulture finds dead things. A hummingbird finds sweet things. They find these particular things because that is what they are looking for. When we look for negative things, what do we find? (*Negative things*) What happens when we look for positive things? (*We find positive things*)

Read Mark 4:39-41.

- Was Jesus surprised about the storm? (*No. He knew what was happening even before he woke.*)
- What did he ask them in verse 40? (*Why were you afraid?*) Why do you think he asked them that?

Talk About It

- What is the purpose of this story? Is it about the storm? (*It is to show us that Jesus is in the boat with us during our storms.*)
- Think about a time when you had some sort of conflict or negativity in your life. Did you turn to Jesus? What happened?
- What does it mean in practical terms when we say we should turn to Jesus in our storms? What are some practical ways we can turn to him during our storms?