

## Action in the Midst of the Storm

Mark 4:35-41 NIV; Matthew 14:23-33 NIV Each of these stories are in three of the four gospels; Mark includes them both but Matthew adds more detail. Two different types of storms and the faith God is looking for in response.

- I. The storm that comes to you.
  - a. They didn't expect a storm – it came to them.
  - b. Jesus said in this present time there will continue to be wars, tornadoes, hurricanes, plagues... They will all be removed at the second coming, but not yet. The storm that comes to you is mentioned by Jesus – the wind and the waves are going to hit every life whether we walk with God or not. \*We can make our storms worse and sometimes by our choices we may have storms of our own making – but no one gets a pass. Job 5:7 NIV “Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.”
    - i. Covid.
    - ii. The school shooting.
    - iii. Health trouble, financial trouble.
    - iv. Relationship trouble.
  - c. Faith in His love – it can feel like God doesn't care; He does and He wants to be in the boat with you.
    - i. 1Peter 5:7 NIV “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”
    - ii. 1John 4:18a NIV “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...” Believe in His love for you – as long as He is in your boat, you won't sink no matter how bad it looks.
    - iii. What we don't choose and what we can choose as Christians: John 16:33 NIV “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
  - d. 2016 Missions week – The pen she constructed inside the arena was temporary and artificial for the purpose of establishing relationship. Time and circumstance are a creation of God – He wants us to ride with Him for all eternity!
- II. The storm that we walk into.
  - a. I want to join you where you are – tell me to come. “Come...” He's not really walking on water himself, He's walking on the Word of God that is supporting him.
    - i. When Jesus calms the storm. Who is this?
    - ii. When Jesus makes Peter walk on water. Truly this is the Son of God.
  - b. Tuesday lunch during the missions' week.

- i. She had to take Jesus at His Word and leave all the boats of self-protection. She never went back – I now expect to be out of the boat of what's comfortable to me because I've discovered this secret place in God that is a real refuge. I want this intimacy for everyone.
- ii. Do you know what I'm looking forward to doing when I get to heaven? I want to give Jesus a hug for loving me so well.
- c. Eaglets don't leave their comfortable nests on their own because they don't know they can fly. The mother eagle knows they can fly so she nudges them out and catches them on their first few attempts. Jesus catches Peter but knows the day is coming when Peter will no longer fall. We don't know we can walk with God supernaturally above the things that pull us down – Jesus knows, so He calls us out and then the Holy Spirit pushes us out of the boat.

Salvation; communion together.