

# Going through storms!

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TEXT:

Mark 6:45-50

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. 46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. 47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. 48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. 49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: 50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

SUBJ: Going through storms!

INTRO: Now, I know some of y'all don't like to hear this and this may not sound good to you, but the truth is, there will be some storms that come up in your life and you can't rebuke them, you have to go through them!

(EXPOUND) See we've been so condition to think that every storm that comes up in our life, we can speak to them and they'll go away, but there are some storms that you can't rebuke.

(EXP#) There will be some problems, that you can't resolve them.

(EXP#) There will be some issues, that you can't get around!

And in order to GET through them, you're going to have to GO through them!

David said in

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

(EXPOUND) He didn't say I walk around the valley. (I walk through the valley)

JESUS told us in

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

(EXPOUND) He said, "You're going to have some trials and tribulations!"

(EXP#) You're going to have some heartaches and heartbreaks!

(EXP#) You're going to have some rain and some pain!

(EXP#) You're going to be abused and misused!

(EXP#) You're going to be stepped on and stepped over!

(EXP#) You're going to be talked about and lied about!

And a lot of the storms that you go through is because GOD sends you through them!

JESUS said in

Matthew 10:16

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

(EXPOUND) You're going through, what you're going through, because GOD is

sending you through it!

The bible says in  
Mark 6:45-51

And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

(EXPOUND) The reason why the disciples were in a storm, was because JESUS sent them out!

A lot of the things that you go through, GOD sends you through them!

## Why does GOD allow us to go through some storms?

BODY:

You go through storms:  
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### #1 To develop your character!

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(EXPOUND) Sometimes, experience is the best teacher!

And the best way to build character, is to go through something!

Romans 5:3-4

3 And not only so , but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope!

(EXPOUND) The best way to develop you character is by going through a crisis! Because it's through your test, that you build your trust!

Job said in

Job 13:15

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

(EXPOUND) As you're going through, it builds your character!

Acts 5:17-20

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, 18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. 19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

(EXPOUND) Peter and the apostles were beaten and thrown in prison and the

Angel of GOD delivered them from the prison and told them to go preach the gospel!

(EXPOUND) Sometimes GOD will test your character by allowing you to go through some spiritual beatings, to see if you will allow those beatings to keep your mouth shut or will it make you shout it even louder!

You go through storms:

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## **#2 To develop your Faith!**

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(EXPOUND) Storms are used to develop your faith!

And sometimes the best way for GOD to develop our faith, is to put us in some storming situations!

James said in

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

(MESSAGE)

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

(EXPOUND) He said, "Count it all joy when you have storms, knowing that the storm is just working out your faith!"

See, GOD knows that sometimes, he has to allow some storms to come up in our lives, because if they didn't we would never stretch out faith to trust him!

When everything is going good, we get complacent and we forget about faith!

So to keep us sharp, every now and then, he sends a little reminder in the form of a storm, to make sure you're still walking by FAITH!

Mark 4:37-40

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

(EXPOUND) See a lot of us want to have faith, but we don't want to have any storms! But Faith and Storms go hand in hand!

GOD uses storms to develop your faith!

GOD said in  
Isaiah 48:10

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

(MESSAGE)

I've refined you, but not without fire. I've tested you like silver in the furnace of affliction.

(EXPOUND) GOD said, "The only way I can test you, is by putting your faith through the fire!"

CONCLUSION:

You go through storms:

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### **#3 To show you he can deliver you!**

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(EXPOUND) Some of y'all may be going through some storms this morning and you've been going through for a long time.

GOD said "Don't forget that he shall deliver you"!

Psalm 34:17-19

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

(EXPOUND) GOD said, "I hear your cry and I will deliver you!"

He said, "You're going to have many trials in your life, but I will deliver you from them all!"

(NOTE: Ain't no counter with GOD!) You don't have no deliverance limit! GOD will deliver you every time!

(Aren't you glad that GOD had no limits on his deliverances!)

GOD told David in

Psalm 50:15

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

(EXPOUND) Don't forget to call me when you're in trouble and I'll deliver you every time!

(NOTE: That's the best guarantee you can have!). Knowing that whenever you're trouble, you can call on GOD and he will deliver!

All you have to do is just call me!