

## IT IS STORM SEASON

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### STORM #1 - STORMS THAT STOP

Jonah 1: *The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai:<sup>2</sup> "Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it because their evil has come up before me."<sup>3</sup> Jonah got up to flee to Tarshish from the Lord's presence. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. He paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the Lord's presence.<sup>4</sup> But the Lord threw a great wind onto the sea, and such a great storm arose on the sea that the ship threatened to break apart. ...<sup>17</sup> The Lord appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

*...but as for me, I will sacrifice to you with a voice of thanksgiving. I will fulfill what I have vowed. Salvation belongs to the Lord.<sup>10</sup> Then the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.*

### STORM #2 - STORMS THAT REVEAL

Luke 8:22ff (CSB) *One day He and His disciples got into a boat, and He told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So they set out,<sup>23</sup> and as they were sailing He fell asleep. Then a fierce windstorm came down on the lake; they were being swamped and were in danger.<sup>24</sup> They came and woke Him up, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to die!" Then He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves. So they ceased, and there was a calm.<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were fearful and amazed, asking one another, "Who then is this? He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey Him!"*

You can always trust Jesus' Word. How powerful is Jesus' Word? The wind and the waves obey His Word.

### STORM #3 - STORMS THAT TEST

Matthew 14:22-31 (CSB) *Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup> After dismissing the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Well into the night, He was there alone.<sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, the boat was already some distance from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against*

them.<sup>25</sup> Jesus came toward them walking on the sea very early in the morning.<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup> Immediately Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."<sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter answered Him, "command me to come to you on the water."<sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!"<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> Then those in the boat worshiped him and said, "Truly you are the Son of God."

#### STORM #4 - STORMS THAT STALL

Acts 23:11 (CSB) *The following night, the Lord stood by him and said, "Have courage! For as you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so it is necessary for you to testify in Rome.*

Acts 27:13 (CSB) *When a gentle south wind sprang up, they thought they had achieved their purpose. They weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ... A Storm Struck*

<sup>20</sup> *For many days neither sun nor stars appeared, and the severe storm kept raging. Finally all hope was fading that we would be saved.*<sup>21</sup> *Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "You men should have followed my advice not to sail from Crete and sustain this damage and loss."*<sup>22</sup> *Now I urge you to take courage, because there will be no loss of any of your lives, but only of the ship.*<sup>23</sup> *For last night an angel of the God I belong to and serve stood by me*<sup>24</sup> *and said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul. It is necessary for you to appear before Caesar. And indeed, God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.'*

STORM #1 - STORMS THAT STOP - You from going the wrong way.

STORM #2 - STORMS THAT REVEAL - If you believe God's Word

STORM #3 - STORMS THAT TEST - Do you trust God? This storm is strengthening me for battle! Peter learned to trust Jesus in a way that only the waves could reveal!

STORM #4 - STORMS THAT STALL - God has a purpose for you. Satan will send storm after storm to try to stall what God has designed and gifted you to accomplish!

