

He Promises— You're Not Alone in the Struggle

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” Mark 4:35 NIV

Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. ... Mark 4:36 NIV

... There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

Mark 4:36-37 NIV

God sometimes takes us into storms not to discipline us, but to disciple us.

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

Mark 4:38 NIV

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Mark 4:39 NIV

He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” Mark 4:40 NIV

They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” Mark 4:41 NIV

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. What stands out to you in this Scripture? What does it look like for Jesus to be “with you always”?

Share about a time when you experienced a hardship or storm that grew your faith. What did you learn about God through that experience?

Is there a storm in your life right now that feels impossible, overwhelming, or scary? How are you seeing God in this situation?