

Truths to cling to during and after the Storm!

A. God is present during the storms!

B. God gives us perspective as we face the storm!

****Mark 6:48a** “He saw the disciples straining at the oars, shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them.”

C. God comforts us with His precious Word during the storm!

****Mark 6:50** “Because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately He spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

John 16:33 “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.”

Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Proverbs 3:5 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ^[6] In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”

D. God works powerfully to change us during the storm.

Matthew 14:33 “Then those in the boat worshipped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.’

James 1:2 “Consider it pure joy my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ^[3] Because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ^[4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

Jesus Was There in the Storm!

Mark 6:45-56

Lesson #25

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I. Jesus prayed for His disciples as they entered the storm.

John 6:14 “After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

John 6:15 “Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make Him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself.”

Luke 19:10 “... to seek and to save the lost.”

I Timothy 1:15 “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the worst.”

A. Jesus directed his disciples to go to Bethsaida.

****Mark 6:45** “Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.”

B. Jesus dismissed the crowd to go home.

Matthew 14:22 “Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd.”

C. Jesus devoted time with the Father in prayer.

****Mark 6:46** “After leaving them, He went up on a mountainside to pray.”

Matthew 14:23 “After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone.” See Mark 1:35 and Luke 22:41-44.

I Peter 5:7 “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

II. Jesus paid attention to the struggle of His disciples.

A. Jesus’ disciples were stressed by the storm.

****Mark 6:47** “Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and He was alone on land.”

Matthew 14:25b “... the boat was a considerable distance from land”

John 6:19 “... they had rowed three or three and a half miles”

Mark 6:48a “He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. ...”

B. Jesus saw his disciples as they faced the storm.

****Mark 6:48a** “He saw the disciples straining at the oars, ...”

Psalms 139:7 “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?”

Psalms 139:2 “You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ^[3] You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.”

Proverbs 15:3 “The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.”

Matthew 6:8 “... Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

III. Jesus planned to rescue His disciples.

A. Jesus stepped on the waves that the disciples feared.

****Mark 6:48b** “... Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them.”

Matthew 14:25a “During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake,”

B. Jesus startled his disciples.

****Mark 6:49** “But when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought He was a ghost. They cried out.”

Matthew 14:25 they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.”

C. Jesus settled their emotions with His Word.

****Mark 6:50** “Because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately He spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

Matthew 14:28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ^[29] “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.”

Matthew 14:30 “But when He saw the wind, He was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Matthew 14:31 “Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” He said, “why did you doubt?”

D. Jesus sat with them in the boat.

1. The storm calmed down.

****Mark 6:51** “Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed.”

Mark 4:41b “... Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

****Mark 6:52** “For they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.”

Matthew 14:33 “Then those in the boat worshipped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

2. The boat crossed the Sea instantly.

Mark 6:53 “When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there.”

John 6:21 “Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.”

3. The people were cared for by the Lord effectively.

Mark 6:54 “As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus.”

Mark 6:55 “They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard He was.”

Mark 6:56 “And wherever He went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged Him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.”