

**Series "The God Who Serves"**  
**"Walking On Water"**  
**Mark 6:45-56**  
**Study-22**

**Three of the gospels record this miracle of Jesus walking on the water – Matt 14:22-36; Mark 6:45-56; John 6:15-21**

**Mark 4:35-41 – Jesus with His disciples in a storm.**

**This storm is addressed to weary Christians that are "Straining At The Oars!"**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Weary Obedient Disciple Of Jesus, Need Not Fear, Because Jesus Will Come In Our Hour Of Darkness"

**1. Verses 45-48 – The Difficulties Of Obedience**

**2. Verses 48-56 – The Delight Of Obedience**

**1. Verses 45-48 – The Difficulties Of Obedience:**

Mark 6: 45

Mark 6: 33-44

"made" – "constrained, to compel, drive to, whether by force, or threats"

Why Did Jesus Force His Disciples Into The Boat? John 6: 15

"and go ahead of Him" – "Jesus would follow later"

Luke 9: 10 – Bethsaida was a suburb of Capernaum.

John 6: 17 – "Go to Capernaum."

Mark 6: 53 – Gennesaret was next to Capernaum.

Mark 6: 46

Jesus Was Dependent Upon Prayer: "He departed ("fled") to the mountain to pray."

Mark 14: 38

The following day, Jesus' earthly ministry would change forever. John 6: 66

Mark 6: 47

"boat was in the midst of the sea," – John 6:19

Mark 6: 48

God Sees Our Difficulties: "And seeing them straining at the oars,"

This Is Supernatural – Jesus is seeing the disciples several miles away in the dark!

"straining" – "to torture with grievous pains of body or mind, to torment, to be harassed"

Note This Storm Was The Result Of Obedience:

Jesus Is Praying For Us. Heb. 7:25

"for the wind was against them," – "contrary"

"fourth watch of the night," – This is 3-6 AM

## **2. Verses 48-56 – The Delight Of Obedience:**

Mark 6:48 – "He came to them, walking on the sea;"

1 Corinthians 10:13

Acts 27 – Paul was on a voyage to Rome, in a storm.

Why Would Jesus Pass By? So that the disciples would recognize Him, and invite Him into their boat.

Mark 6:49

"it was a ghost," – "spirit, apparition"

Jesus will use a storm as a passageway into our lives!

"cried out;" – "To cry from the depths of the throat"

Mark 6:50

The Word From God Brought A Calm: "But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, 'Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid.'"

The Word Of God Encourages – “Take courage;” Job 9:8

The Word Of God Drives Us To God – “it is I,”: This is no other than the great “I Am!” Ex. 3:14

The Word Of God Instructs Us – “do not be afraid.” Is. 43:1-2

Matt. 14:28-31

Mark 6:51

“the wind stopped;” – Literally “the wind stopped suddenly”

John 6:21

When we invite Jesus into our boat, the miraculous takes place.

Mark Records The Inward Response – “they were greatly astonished,”: Literally “They were out of their minds, insane, to be beside oneself”

Matthew Records The Outward Response – Matt. 14:33

Worship – “is acknowledging who God is, it is praising Him for who He is and what He has done” (Inward and outward)

Mark 6:52

“heart was hardened.” – Literally, “petrify, cover with a thick skin; metaphor – to lose the power of understanding, to be stupid”

Mark 6:53 – Western side close to Capernaum, about 4-6 miles.

Mark 6:54-55

John's account reveals that some did not want the spiritual but just the material blessings from the Lord. John 6:26

Mark 6:56

Number 15:38

The object of your faith saves you!

There are countless people that are going through storms this day that don't recognize Jesus nor invite Him in!

**Application:**

1. Jesus Was Dependent Upon Prayer. Jesus Fled To The Mountain To Pray.
2. The Weary Obedient Disciple Of Jesus Need Not Fear, Because Jesus Will Come In Our Hour Of Darkness.
3. In A Storm, Always Look For Jesus And Invite Him On Board.
4. Worship Is Acknowledging Who God Is, Then Praising Him For Who He Is And What He Has Done.