

Series "The God Who Serves"
"With Jesus In A Storm"
Mark 4:35-41
Study-15

This account reveals a beautiful portrait of Jesus' humanity and we also see a demonstration of Jesus' Deity.

The Lord wants to teach His disciples that He can be trusted in the most threatening of circumstances.

Why Does God Permit Storms?

- 1. So We Can Grow Spiritually.**
- 2. So That We Might Know Him Better.**
- 3. So God Can Be Glorified Through Our Weakness.**

Thought Of Our Passage: Peace Is In The Answer, "Who Then Is This, That Even The Wind And The Sea Obey Him?"

10 Lessons With Jesus In A Storm.

Mark 4:35

Why The Other Side? To Get Some Needed Rest:

Jesus Had A Divine Appointment At Gerasenes: Mark 5:1-2

- 1. The Storm Was Initiated By A Command From Jesus: "Let us go over to the other side."**

1 Peter 4:12

Notice that when Jesus is in our boat, there is direction.

- 2. With God's Command Also Came God's Promise: "Go over" not "Go under." (A Promise)**

1 Corinthians 10:13

Mark 4:36

Jon. 4:11

Mark 4:37

Pictures: "And there arose a fierce gale of wind,"

"fierce gale of wind" – (storm) "a whirlwind, a violent attack of wind, tornado"

A Storm Should Provoke The Question – "Why Am I In A Storm?"

1. Storms of Perfection –

Paul – He had a thorn in his flesh. 2 Cor 12:7-10; Acts 28:3-4

Joseph – Pit, Prison, then Palace.

David – Was a shepherd; he was chased all over Palestine by Saul

2. Storms of Correction –

Abraham – Fell into fear and lied about his wife

Jacob – Was nicknamed "the trickster", Gen 32

Jonah – (Jonah 1:4) God will use storms on His children to draw them to Himself.

Hebrews 12:6

Hebrews 12:11

Mark 4:38

3. In The Storm, Jesus Models God's Peace: "asleep on the cushion;"

Jesus Was Asleep – Jesus was physically exhausted – a portrait of Jesus' humanity. Hebrews 4:15

Jesus Was Asleep – Jesus knew that His life was in the hands of His Father –

Acts 12:6-7

There is False Peace In The Storm: Jonah 1:4-6

4. A Storm Should Drive Us To Jesus: "and they awoke Him"

5. In A Storm Beware Of Becoming Self-Focused: "and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

The fact that they came to Him is noteworthy.

"do You not care that we are perishing?" – Literally "we are in the act of perishing"

"we are perishing." – We start to think of self.

John 11:21

John 11:32

Matt. 10:29

Hold On To God's Word In The Storm: Mark 4:35

6. In A Storm We Always Have His Presence: Jesus had been there from the very beginning (Commanding to cross!)

The presence of Jesus in the boat did not keep the storm from coming!

Ps. 23:4

Mark 4:39

7. Jesus Always Hears Us When We Call: "And being aroused,"

1 Peter 3:12

"Hush, be still." – "Put the muzzle on and keep it on"

8. In The Storm We See A Demonstration Of Jesus Deity: "And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm."

Mark 4:40

9. Don't Escape, Endure But Enlist The Storm: "He said to them, "Why are you so timid?" – "How cowardly you are"; Fear looks at the storm!

"How is it that you have no faith?" – Faith looks at the Savior! (Reason for fear is a lack of faith!); Literally, "Where are your convictions of who God is and what He can do?!"

What Good Is Faith If It Does Not Help Us In The Storms?

Matthew 7:24-27

Mark 4:41

Isaiah 6:5

Luke 5:8

10. **A Storm Should Leave Us Dwelling Upon Jesus:** "said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

Psalm 65:7

Do you notice that Mark does not answer the question?

Application:

1. The Answer To The Secret Of Rest Is Found In The Answer to "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" Jesus Christ The Son Of God, God's Perfect Servant!
2. In your storm, and out of our storm, is Jesus Lord and master? Have we missed the whole point of what it is to be a Christian? Christ in us, Him the Master of our lives?
3. Does having Jesus in our lives make a difference? That is what being a Christian is all about. Not just going to Church on Sunday's but walking with Him throughout the week.