

Peace in the Storm

Scripture:

Mark 4:35-41 "On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, *"Let us cross over to the other side."* ³⁶Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. ³⁸But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, *"Peace, be still!"* And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰But He said to them, *"Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"* ⁴¹And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

I. Storms come even when you're doing the will of God.

I Peter 4:12-13 "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: ¹³But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

- A. Trials are a part of life.
- B. Without trials there would be no need for over comers.
- C. Christ doesn't always rebuke the storm before it affects our lives.

II. Storms come even when we have a word from God.

- A. We already have the word that He will never forsake us.

Hebrews 13:5-6 "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

- B. Jesus had already told the disciples that they were going to the other side.
- C. If God has spoken, nothing will hinder his word from coming to pass.

Isaiah 55:10-11 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

III. Christ seems absent until we get desperate.

- A. Many of us will bail a lot of water before turning to Jesus.
- B. We have a promise, so why wait?

Psalms 50:15 "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

Isaiah 65:24 "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."

IV. Storms can build our faith if we will listen for the voice of God.

Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

- A. God speaks to us as we read the Bible
- B. God speaks to us through a word of prophecy.
- C. God can speak to us through the preaching of the Word of God.
- D. God speaks to us through our brothers and sisters.