

# STORMS WILL COME

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Mark 4:1, 35-41

Sailors and fishermen knew that storms are part of life for those who are at sea. No matter how hard they try to avoid them, they come.

Similarly, there are storms and difficulties in every human life whether we like it or not. They may terrify us, and threaten our security and life, and we may feel as though we are sinking in a dark hole, and desperation may set in ....

And when that happens you and I may feel discouraged and helpless and in desperation we may wonder whether God really cares what happens to us ....

Jesus and His disciples had a full and fruitful day, but it wasn't over yet. This day was going to close with an adventure. It was going to be a day the disciples would never forget.

When Jesus said to his disciples "*Let's go over to the other side.*" (Mark 4:35) His disciples thought finally the day was over and they were about to rest.

But then, while Jesus and His disciples were in the Sea of Galilee heading toward the eastern shore, a violent wind-storm came up, huge waves threaten to swamp the boat.

The disciples were in trouble, tossed by the huge waves and in danger of being drowned. And yet, Jesus was sleeping in the stern of the boat.

You would have thought that, they, of all people were the safest ....

- Jesus was in the boat with them ....
- They were in His service, yet the storm came ...
- They were following Jesus, yet the storm came ...
- They were in the center of His will, yet the storm came...

Storms come to all of us. Being in Christ's service does not exempt us from storms and problems.

While we are in this World we will face storms and problems.

Jesus knew the storm would come and He could have avoided it or send the storm away, but He chose to go through the storm with His disciples,

Jesus is always present in the storms we go through...

The disciples while in the middle of the storm thought that Jesus did not care. They went to Jesus, woke him up and said to Him: "Teacher, don't you care if we drown." (v.38)

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Then Jesus “Got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘*Quiet, be still.*’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm” (v.40)

The storm actually helped the disciples to measure their faith. As a matter of fact Jesus said to them: “*Do you still have no faith?*”

They also learned that Christ is even in the storms of life, and that He is able to deal with any situation....

We – the followers of Christ – will go through afflictions and storms, problems are part of life. Jesus does not promise immunity, exemption from normal storms of life, but these storms teach us many precious lessons that otherwise we would never learn ....

Of course, it is easy to say a prayer before and after a storm. But what about when we are right in the middle of a storm?

When the waves are breaking and there is water in the boat, when the noise of your circumstances threatens to drown out the prayer of your lips? What then?

If faith in God works, it better work then! And yes, faith in God works! ....

There is nothing like a good storm to add life to your prayer!

But remember this: There aren't two storms that are identical. We all go through storms. But while we are in the middle of a storm sometimes we panic, even though we know that Jesus is with us, and we worry and panic and question and we doubt ....

Just remember that God is there and He knows our problems and He cares and He is there to help if we let Him....

Jesus is willing to rebuke the storm in your life and say: “*Peace be still*” and bring calm in your life.

The disciples confused asked: “Who is this? Even the *storms obey Him.*” The answer is:

- He is the one who invites us to travel with Him...
- He is the one who goes with us through the storms...
- He is the one who is able to deal with all storms...
- Is Jesus travelling with you in your journey of Life?
- He is the only one who can calm the storm in your life....
- He is the only one that

CAN GIVE YOU PEACE! ....

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