**TRUST JESUS IN THE STORM**

**Mark 6:45-56**

**45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. 46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. 47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. 48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. 49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: 50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. 51And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. 52 For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves: for their heart was hardened. 53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. 54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him, 55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. 56And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.**

**Intro**:

**1. The disciples were commanded by the Lord to cross the Sea of Galilee, v. 45.**

**2. These men are in the will of the Lord even in the storm.**

**3. These men are stuck in a storm and are unable to get out.**

**4. Have you ever found yourself in that place? Have you ever found yourself stuck in one of life's storms, and no matter what you do, it seems that you cannot make any headway?**

**5. It may seem to you like the storm will never end and that there is no possible good that can come from it all.**

**6. The storms of life are never pleasant; however, they do produce benefits in our lives**

**7. Hebrews 12:11  "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”**

**8. Let’s remember this about the Savior and the Storm.**

 **A. Remember Who Charges the Storm – Jesus!**

 **B. Remember Who Commands the Storm – With Power, With Purpose, and With Peace Jesus commands the storms!**

 **C. Remember Who Controls the Storm - By His Words, His Word, and His Will Jesus controls the storms!**

 **D. Remember Who Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35-41)**

**Notice: 1. The Rebuke – “Peace Be Still”**

 **2. The Response – “the wind ceased”**

 **3. The Relief – “awe and amazement” was all the disciples felt after Jesus calmed the storm!**

**\*\*I don’t know about the storm’s in your life, but I do know you can Trust Jesus in the Storm!**

**Body – Trust Jesus in the Storm**

**I.**  **Trust Jesus to Use the Storm for Transportation**

**Mark 6:48 48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.**

**\*\*The Lord knows exactly where you are and sees you toiling in your rowing!**

**\*\*Just keep doing your best and trust Jesus to soon come walking on water in your storm!**

**Psalms 104:1,4**  [**1Bless the Lord . . . 4who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-104-3/)

**\*\* The very thing the disciples feared - the sea - was the very thing the Lord used as a vehicle to reveal Himself unto them.**

 **A. Jesus Comes In The Face Of Darkness**

 **\*\*Sometime between 3 AM and 6 AM “in the fourth watch”, during the darkest hours, Jesus came walking on the water!**

**\*\*During the darkest hours, that’s when Jesus will come walking in the middle of your storm!**

**I Kings 8:12 Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.**

**\*\*Remember Jesus is there even though the storm . . .**

 **1. Hides the Sight of Jesus!**

 **2. Hides the Sounds of Jesus!**

**\*\*Winds and Waves are loud.**

 **3. Hides the Sovereignty of Jesus!**

**\*\*It might look and seem that the storm is in control, but remember the Savior always has control!**

 **B. Jesus Comes In The Face Of Disaster**

**Mark 6:48  And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them**

**\*\*They were struggling against the storm.**

**\*\*Three things Jesus did in this storm that He’ll do for you!**

 **1. Jesus Responds in the Storm**

 **2. Jesus Relieves in the Storm**

 **3. Jesus Restores in the Storm**

**\*\*Jesus will come in the face of your disaster!!**

**\*\*Don’t forget what He did for the three Hebrew boys!**

**\*\*Don’t forget what He did for Daniel!**

**\*\*He did it before, and He’ll do it again!!**

 **C. Jesus Comes In The Face Of The Deep**

**\*\*When you are facing deep waters . . .**

 **1. He will come to Save You!**

 **2. He will come to Secure You!**

 **3. He will come to Settle You!**

**\*\*Trust Jesus to Use the Storm for transportation to come to where you are toiling in the rowing and to help you!!**

**II. Trust Jesus to Use the Storms for Testing**

**Mark 6:49-50 49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:**

**50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.**

 **A. Storms Reveal the Savior – (V-49)**

 **1. A Message Of Peace - “be of good cheer”**

 **a. He offered Cheer during the testing!**

 **b. He offered Comfort during the testing!**

 **2. A Message Of Power - “It is I”**

**\*\*He came declaring His identity. It’s the same pronoun Jesus used when He said, "I am the door"; "I am the way, the truth and the life."; "I am the bread of life"; "I am the good shepherd".**

**\*\*What a joy it is when Jesus identifies himself to you in the storm!**

 **3. A Message Of Potential - "be not afraid."**

**\*\*He is the only one with the potential to calm, comfort, and control all things in the middle of the storm!**

 **B. Storms Re-awakes the Saint**

**Matthew 14:28-29 28And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.**

**29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.**

 **1. Storms tests your Willingness**

 **a. Re-awakes your faith to try.**

 **b. Re-awakes your faith to trust.**

 **2. Storms test your Walk**

**\*\*It taught Peter to look at his Savior and not at his Steps!**

 **C.  Storms Remind the Saint**

**Matthew 14:30-31 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**

 **1. The Help We Need**

 **a. We need God in the Storms**

 **b. We need Grace in the Storms**

 **2. The Hand We Need**

 **a. One hand protected the man. (Peter)**

 **b. One hand protected the majority. (The disciples)**

 **D. Splendors Reconstructs the Soul**

**Mark 6:51-52 51And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. 52 For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.**

 **1. It Shocks the Soul**

**V-51b -52 and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure and wondered. 52 For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves:**

**\*\*These men did not consider the miracles of Jesus before, but when He did a miracle in their situation, they were suddenly shocked and amazed!**

 **2. It Softens the Soul**

**\*\*In Mark 6:5-6, Jesus could do few mighty works because of hard hearts and unbelief. But now their hearts have been softened!**

**\*\*Jesus will do things in the storm that will test you and soften you!**

**III. Trust Jesus to Use Storms for Testimonies**

**Matthew 14:32-33 32**[**And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-14-32/) **33**[**Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-14-33/)

**\*\*In Mark 6:54-56, they got to the shore and knew him, and they began bringing all the sick to Him for Him to heal.**

**\*\* When you come out of the storm you will . . .**

 **A.  Testify Of His Power  (V-32)**

**\*\*Jesus had the power to calm the storm . . .**

 **1. Without Magnifying Works**

 **2. Without Magnificent Words**

**\*\*Jesus and Peter just stepped into the boat, and the wind ceased!**

**\*\*Notice He did not calm the storm right away while walking on the water. He first wanted to accomplish some things by using the storm.**

**\*\*Jesus will not always calm your storm right away, but you can be assured that He is riding the waves with you.**

**\*\*While your Ship is Tossed on the Water, your Savior is Trotting on the Waves!**

 **B. Testify Of His Person (V-33)**

**After the storm, the disciples did two things . . .**

 **1. They Bowed (They Worshipped Him!)**

 **2. They Believed (They called Him the Son of God!)**

 **C. Testify of His Promises**

 **1. He Promised His Presence**

**\*\*Ask any Christian who has come out of a storm, and they will say, “He never left me nor forsook me in the storm!”**

 **2. He Promised His Prayers**

**\*\*Do you know what Jesus is doing for you while you’re in the storm? He’s praying! (Mark 6:46) He is fulfilling a promise to intercede on our behalf!**

**Close**

**1. We know that we can trust Jesus to use the storms for Transportation, Testing, and for Testimonies, but what is gained from the storms of life?**

**2. Here is what you gain from the storms of life:**

 **a. Grace - You will find more grace after the storm.**

 **b. Growth – You will grow as a Christian after the storm.**

 **c. Goodness - All things work together for good for them who love the Lord!!**

 **3. Here is a secret to make the storm much more bearable for you: Don't wait until the storm is over to bow before Him.**

 **a. Bow now, while the waves are still tossing you.**

 **b. Bow now, while the winds are still threatening you.**

**4. Don't wait until blue skies are seen to humble yourself before the Lord.**

**5. Sometimes, it is hard to see the blessings for the storm, isn't it? Sometimes it is hard to imagine the Lord bringing any good out of what you are going through.**

**6. I don't know the nature of the storm you are facing, but I do know the one who still walks on the waves.**

**7. Will you come and bow now to the Lord either for yourself or for others who are going through the storms.**