



## desert breeze community church

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### Jesusology

(Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ)

#### **"Storms"** Mark 4:35-41

You cannot know the real Jesus and stay the same. A sign that you really know Him and are walking in vital union with Him is peace in times of panic. (Ps. 9:9-10)

Peace is not the absence of chaos but the presence of Christ. Peace is confidence (Trust) in God's loving wise control of my life. In His love He desire's what is best for me, in His wisdom He knows what is best for me and in His power He can do ultimately what is best for me.

Mark 4:35-41

#### **PEACE IS CONFIDENCE IN THE FACT THAT JESUS (GOD)...**

V40 "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

#### **In His LOVE desire's what is best for me.**

V38 "Teacher don't you care if we drown?"

- Wrong Premise: "If you loved me I wouldn't be going through this storm."
- God does let people He loves go through storms. (Job; John 16:33; 1 Pet. 4:12; James 1:2-4)
- Don't see my love through your circumstances but see your circumstances through my love for you. It's an easy trap to fall into. (Phil. 4:6-7; Lam. 3:21-26)
- If you knew that I loved you, you could have been calm through this storm. (1 John 4:18; John 14:1)
- God let's people go through storms because He loves them. (2 Cor. 1:3-11, 12:1-10)

#### **In His WISDOM knows what is best for me.**

V35 "Let us go over to the other side."

- Wisdom is good judgement, or the ability to develop the best course of action to a given situation. (Rom. 11:33; Ps. 139)

- God's wisdom is displayed in turning all the forces of evil against His children into good for them. (Rom. 8:28-29; Gen. 50:20)
- The good He brings about is often different from the good we envision. (Isa. 55:8-9; 1 Cor. 13:12)
- He's not under our control or obligation to explain anything. He's God! (Job)
- His ways are beyond our ways. He lets things happen we don't understand. (Pro. 3:5-6)
- His ways are always for our ultimate eternal good and His Glory. (Phil. 1:6; Heb. 12:5-13)

#### **In His POWER does what is best for me.**

V39 "Quiet, be still!"

- His words can turn our chaos into cosmos (order). (Gen. 1; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 4:12; Ps. 119:25, 28, 50, 105, 165)
- Jesus doesn't call on a higher power he is power himself. (Col. 1:15-20, 2:9-15)
- Sometimes He calms the storm and other times He calms His child in the storm. Either way it's an exercise of His power. (Ps. 27, 46, 91)
- Storms give opportunity for me to see God's glory. (Job 42:5; 2 Cor. 4:7-10, 12:9-10)

#### **Conclusion:**

V40 "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Literally – "Where's your faith?"

- Faith is not something that happens to you, it must be exercised. (Heb. 11)
- Exercising your faith is making Christ the treasure of your life. (Heb. 11:6)
- Jesus becomes the treasure of your life to the degree you live in the reality that He took on the ultimate storm for you and one of these days He will calm all storms. (Jonah 1 - Parallels this storm; Matt. 12 - Jesus says He is the true Jonah; Rom. 8:31-32)



# Growing

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1) What kind of storm(s) (trial, trauma or temptation) are you currently going through or have most recently gone through? On a scale from 1-10 (1 is peace & 10 is panic) how would you rate your response? Explain.

2) Read Mark 4:35-41. How do the Disciples respond to their storm and what does Jesus say to them is the reason for their response? What is the wrong premise of the Disciples question in verse 38? What difference will knowing God's love make in your life? (1 John 4:18)

3) Why is it so important to believe that in God's wisdom He knows what is best for me? Why do you think that the good God brings about is often different from what we envision? (Isa. 55:8-9; 1 Cor. 13:12) What does it mean that God is more interested in our eternal rather than our temporal good?

4) The sea was as smooth as glass after Jesus spoke. How does the Word of God bring calm in our chaos? (Ps. 119:25, 28, 50, 105, 165) How do storms give you opportunity to see God's Glory? (Job 42:5; 2 Cor. 4:7-10, 12:9-10)

5) What does it mean that faith is not something that happens to you but must be exercised? How does knowing that Jesus the true Jonah was thrown into the ultimate storm (sin & death) for you, help you with the smaller storms of life? (Jonah 1; Matt. 12; Rom. 8:31-32) Exercise your faith through prayer.