

# Lost In Familiar Places

Describes no stranger to sea of Galilee

## STAYING CALM IN THE STORM

Signposts are gone - lost in our home town

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Text: Mark 4:35-41

Tests of life

Easy to get lost in storm

INTRO: In early Christian art the Church was depicted as a boat driven upon a perilous sea -- very early this incident was understood as a sign of Jesus' saving presence in the persecution that threatened to overwhelm the church. Synoptics record this incident - it has real significance.

\*The disciples have trouble behaving correctly in a storm----How to stay calm in the storm.

\*The word Mark uses means more than an ordinary storm, it means a furious storm.

In The Eye of The Storm

The Ministry of the Storm

From Calm To Chaos

spiritual lessons.

Pastor wanting to move

### I. THE STORM OFTEN COMES IN THE PATH OF OBEDIENCE.

No warning

1. This journey was undertaken at the Lord's command. They responded with unquestioning obedience. This made the storm harder to understand and the Lord's attitude quite inexplicable.

Disciples had weathered many storms but this one terrified them

2. Paul's journey to Rome and the storm.

3. Paul's call "What great things he must suffer for my sake."

4. Paul in Acts 20:22, 23

5. Daniel and Three Hebrew children.

Sometimes the storms of obedience greater than natural storms

### II. THE STORM MAKES IT APPEAR THAT JESUS DOESN'T CARE.

"Carest Thou not that we perish?"

1. Perish: The present tense denotes that they saw themselves already going down to destruction..

2. Their cry implies a feeling of resentment at Jesus' apparent indifference to their



## astounded disbelief. <sup>2</sup>

It was a cry of disbelief and astonishment.

3. "He slept" He is emphatic contrasting Jesus' peace and the disciple's panic.

• He slept in spite of the storm...undisturbed by the danger. The crashing of the fierce waves did not disturb his sleep.

4. ~~Gideon~~ Gideon: "If the Lord be with us why have all these things befallen us?"

5. Hab. 1 "How long, O Lord?"

6. They didn't doubt His power but His concern  
"my O, why ~~has~~ Thou forsaken me?"

### THE LORD'S WAY

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and every grace-  
Might more of His salvation know,  
And seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,  
And He, I trust, has answered prayer;  
But it has been in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request;  
And, by His love's constraining power,  
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart,  
And let the angry powers of hell  
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea, more, with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe;  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Blasted my gourds, and laid them low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried:  
"Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?"  
" 'Tis in this way," the Lord replied,  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ,  
From self ~~self~~ <sup>and</sup> pride to set thee free  
And break the schemes of earthly joy,  
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me."

Author unknown

III Reveals The Real Enemy Real Enemy  
Exposes Our weakness

IV THE STORM IS A TEST OF OUR FAITH.

1. Their fear revealed a lack of faith in Him

2. The cure of fear is faith. "Have you not yet learned to leave everything in the Father's care, as I ~~have~~ do?"

3. They had no right to be afraid -- even if they perished in the waters.

④ "Why are you so fearful?" The problem that confronted God was not that of stilling the storm on the sea, but that of stilling the storm in their hearts.

⑥ Faithlessness is more to be feared than a stormy sea. We are afraid of the wrong things. Daniel more afraid of prayerlessness than lions... Hebrew children more afraid of compromise than fire. We are not to fear lack of money as much as lack of faith God will provide our needs.

7. It was the disciples' opinion they were perishing, not the Lord's.

IV THE STORM DRIVES US TO JESUS.

1. The fact that these men turned to Jesus for help is astonishing. They were expert sailors and had come through many a storm on this very sea. They ran to Jesus who had never handled a boat.

2. Completely at the end of their resources, in which they had always taken pride, they



And when the storm has accomplished its purpose, Jesus will still be standing  
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now throw themselves upon Jesus as their only hope.

3. They ~~and~~ abandon all human help, the best of which they have in their own skill.

4. "Anything that makes us pray is a blessing

5. The rush of the sea and the sweep of the wind did not waken Jesus but the touch of a trembling hand and the cry of the men did.

Ill of a baby's soft cry waking the mother.

C.S. Lewis: "It whispers in our pleasures, but shouts in our pain."

V. THE STORM ALWAYS REVEALS SOMETHING NEW ABOUT JESUS. next page first

1. "They feared exceedingly." "Who THEN is ~~this~~?"

1. This is a different fear (that was a cowardly fear) than that produced by the storm. A deep reverential awe in the presence of of the supernatural.

2. Jesus did not rebuke this kind of fear.

3. This time they were afraid of Jesus.

4. This fear was produced, not by the storm, but by the calm. Whatever fear they had was displaced by a greater fear.

5. This "great fear" is the feeling of overpowering awe caused by the revelation of almighty power.

6. Jesus proposes to cast out all petty and ignoble fear by one gray and noble fear -- the fear of God. Not the fear of terror but trust.

Nothing makes us as courageous as does fear - Augustine said "Trust & do as you please."



## V - a new Revelation of I

- 1- What manner of man is this
- 2- Abraham + Moses
- 3- Disc. seems to bring us to this attitude
- 4- ~~learned~~ what they learned produced Fear - respect, reverential awe. Peter: Luke 5 - "Depart from me, I am a sinful man"
- 5- learned there was much more to learn about their Lord - This fellowship richer than we supposed - The vein of gold runs deeper than we knew - a new apprehension for Jesus.
- 6- learned that no storm can wreck the Plan of D.
- 7- learned that it is safer to be on the stormy Sea w/ Jesus than on the shore w/out Him.  
perilous - millstone  
~~the~~ hungry - Full

Learned Jesus hears our cry