



“Storms of Life”

Possible Series

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Mark 4:35-40

Just because you're a Christ follower doesn't mean you're **EXEMPT** from the storms of life.

3 things to remember when you're in the storm:

1) You're in the storm by **GOD'S APPOINTMENT**.

- Mark 4:35
- Where do storms come from?
 - A) Many storms come from **BAD DECISIONS**.
 - B) A storm may come from **SATAN**.
 - C) Storms come because we live in a **BROKEN** world.
 - John 16:33

2) You are in the storm with His **PRESENCE**.

- Mark 4:38
- Psalm 23:4
- Hebrews 13:5

3) You are in the storm for His **PURPOSES**.

- James 1:2-4
- In storms, we want God to do a **REMOVING** job, but He wants to do an **IMPROVING** job.
- Mark 4:39-40
- Faith is like **FILM**, it develops best in the **DARK**.

C3 Group Questions

Accountability: Were you at church on Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: What was my scariest “bad weather” experience?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend’s message?

Group Discussion:

Read Matthew 8:23-27 & Luke 8:22-24. What was Jesus doing during the storm? What did the disciples think about Jesus being asleep? How do I react to calmness in someone else, when all I feel is fear or panic?

After the storm, what did Jesus ask the disciples? What did the storm reveal about the disciples faith? What did they fail to realize about Jesus?

How should the knowledge of Jesus’ presence & sovereignty affect my response to life’s storms? How can I experience God’s peace in the midst of the storm?

Read 1 Peter 1:6-9; James 1:2-4; 2 Corinthians 1:8-10. How am I to view my trials? How can I sincerely rejoice or give thanks when I am going thru hard times?

What purposes for trials are mentioned in these passages? Does understanding the source of the storm make a difference in how I respond? Regardless of the source, what does God promise to do? (Romans 8:28-29)

How do the storms of life test, strengthen & purify my faith? What is faith? Why is this so important to God? (Hebrews 11:1)

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

Next Steps: (*“Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says.” James 1:22*)

- What storm(s) am I currently facing? Ask God to show me His purpose & how, thru it, He is training me. Ask Him to help me see thru the storm to who He is & what He is doing. Thank Him for the storm & for His indwelling presence.
- How has God brought about His purpose thru a past storm in my life?