



"Fear"
WWJU? Series
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Mark 4:35-40

Just because you're a Jesus Follower doesn't mean you're EXEMPT from problems.

3 things to remember when you have fear:

1) You're in the storm by God's APPOINTMENT.

- Mark 4:35
- Where do storms of life come from that cause us to fear?
 - A) From BAD DECISIONS.
 - B) From SATAN.
 - C) From living in a BROKEN world.
 - John 16:33

2) You're in the storm with God's PRESENCE.

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

3) You're in the storm for God's PURPOSE.

- 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

Bottom Line:

Faith doesn't mean you don't get afraid. Faith means you don't let fear stop you!

C3 Group Questions

Accountability: Were you on the online stream this last 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: When you were a kid, what fear(s) did you have?

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

Group Discussion:

What is something you are fearful of right now?

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 fears of 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 to my fears? 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)

Who in someone I can pray for this week? Who is somebody I can help/serve during this pandemic?

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

- What storm(s) am I currently facing that I am afraid of? 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's doing. Thank Him for the storm & for His presence.