



SERMON NOTES

GLOBAL OUTREACH CHURCH

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE

Scripture: Mark 4:39-41 KJV

"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

"And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, and entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went."
John 6:16-21 KJV

In the text above, we see the disciples of our Lord encounter a violent storm in the Sea of Galilee not long after they had witnessed and participated in the feeding of 5,000 plus people which happened to be the fourth miracle documented by the Apostle John.

The text shows us that being Christians and having a front row seat to the miracles of God does not necessarily make us escape the storms of life and that everybody in life at one point or another will go through a storm (life's challenges). In fact, Jesus puts it this way:

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." **John 16:33 KJV**

Other scriptures that accentuate the same truth are:

- **Psalms 34:19 (NASB)** "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all."
- **Micah 7:8 (KJV)** "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me."
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- **Psalm 23:4 (KJV)** "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

EVERYBODY IN LIFE GOES THROUGH A STORM

Both saved and unsaved people as long as they live on this side of eternity will go through the storms of life. However, for the believer, there is an assurance of divine accompaniment in the storm by the faithful God as we can see in the following scripture:

"But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." (Isaiah 43:1-2 KJV)



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3 KINDS OF STORMS

1. SELF IMPOSED STORMS
2. STORMS IMPOSED BY OTHERS
3. STORMS THAT GOD ALLOWS

No matter the kind of storm we may find ourselves in, the faithfulness of God will come through for us and bring us through the storms to a better place.

Some scriptures about God's faithfulness to contemplate:

- *"Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds."* **Psalm 36:5 KJV**
- *"And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints."* **Psalm 89:5 KJV**
- *"Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth."* **Psalm 119:90 KJV**

HOW THE LORD HELPS US TO OVERCOME THE STORMS:

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| I. By speaking to you in the storm... | FEAR NOT | [John 6:20] |
| II. By speaking to the storm... | PEACE BE STILL | [Mark 4:39] |
| III. By speaking to the storm in us... | WHERE IS THY FAITH | [Mark 4:40] |