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"SUDDEN STORMS" IN LIFE

(Mark 4:1, 35-41)

INTRODUCTION

(Proverbs 3:25-26) "Be not afraid of sudden fear (terror, trouble, storms) ...
For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being shaken"

All of us have experienced "storms" in life (various times and degrees of severity).

1. THE PROBABILITY OF "STORMS" IN OUR LIFE

The elements of a perfect storm were gathering: Jesus is tired from all-day teaching, the disciples from all-day listening, it's night-time, now they decide to cross the sea, the sea itself; and, sure enough, (v37) "a great storm of wind arose ..."

We are either heading toward a storm, in a storm, or emerging from a storm.

2. THE PRESENCE IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

(v38) "and he (Jesus) was in the hinder part of the ship"

In the midst of a storm, we ask, "Where is God when we need him?" and the answer is, "He is in the boat with us."

3. THE PEACE IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

(v39) "He arose and rebuked the wind, said to the sea, Peace, be still ..."

On this occasion, the storm ceased; however, what if the storm does not stop?

(John 16:33) "These things have I spoken to you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"

When you call for help, He hears.

4. THE PURPOSE OF STORMS IN OUR LIFE

(v40-41) "Jesus said, Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith? ..."

Storms will demonstrate God's power, strengthen our faith, move us to run to Him.
(Psalm 119:67, v71)

5. THE PROMISES FOR THE STORMS IN OUR LIFE

The story begins, (v35) "Let us pass over to the other side"

If Jesus names a destination, it is certain the disciples will arrive there. (John 14:1-3)

CLOSE: (Psalm 46:1-3)