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"SUDDEN STORMS" IN LIFE

(Mark 4:1, v33 – 41, 5:1)

Also recorded in (Matthew 8:23-27 and Luke 8:22-25)

INTRODUCTION

(Proverbs 3:25-26) **"Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught."**

"Sudden terror" - "sudden fear;" storms; unexpected calamity; a detour in your path.

1. THE PROBABILITY OF "STORMS" IN OUR LIFE

(v37) "And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat" - it's been a long day of Jesus' teaching and disciples listening, and instead of resting for the night, Jesus says, "Let us cross over to the other side."

In life, we are **heading into** a storm, **in** a storm, or **emerging from** a storm.

2. THE PRESENCE IN THE "STORMS" IN OUR LIFE

(v38) "He (Jesus) was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

In the midst of the storm, we ask, "Where is God when we need Him?" and the answer is "He's in the boat with us, and, yes, He cares." (1 Peter 5:7)

3. THE PEACE IN THE "STORMS" IN OUR LIFE

(v39) "Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace, be still." And the wind ceased and there was a great calm"

On this occasion the storm ceased immediately; however, what if our "storm" continues?

Remember the lesson in (Psalm 37), and (John 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7)
God has led us safely thus far, answered our prayers, offers hope, and in that is **peace**.

4. THE PURPOSE OF "STORMS" IN OUR LIFE

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

Jesus used this storm to demonstrate His power, get their attention, and teach a lesson.

David learned this: (Psalm 119:67) "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word"

(v71) "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes"

5. THE PROMISE FOR THE "STORMS" IN OUR LIFE

Remember how the story begins, (v35) **"Let us cross over to the other side"**

The story concludes: (5:1) **"Then they came to the other side of the sea"**

If Jesus names a destination (John 14:1-3), it is certain the disciples will arrive there!
It may be a "stormy" journey; however, get in the boat with Jesus and arrive safely.

(Psalm 46:1-3) "God is my refuge and strength ... **therefore we will not fear** ... "