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## **Peace in the Storm**

Text: Mark 4:35–41

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Heavenly Father,  
We come before You today grateful for  
Your presence. Lord, You know the  
storms each person is facing...storms in  
our families, our finances, our health,  
our minds, and our faith. As we open  
Your Word, we ask that the Holy Spirit  
would teach us, comfort us, and  
strengthen us. Help us to see Jesus  
clearly, trust Him deeply, and rest in His  
peace. We ask this in the mighty name  
of Jesus.  
Amen.**

### **Introduction: Everyone Faces Storms**

- .Storms are part of life.
- .Some storms come suddenly. Others build slowly.
- .Some are loud and violent, while others are quiet and exhausting.

You may be in a storm today... it could be financial stress, sickness, grief, family conflict, anxiety, or even fear about the future.

The good news is this: God's Word does not promise a storm-free life, but it does promise the presence of Jesus in the storm.

In Mark 4:35–41, we see a real storm, real fear, and a very real Savior who brings peace.

## **Mark 4:35-41 NIV**

**That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." [36] Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. [37] A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. [38] Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" [39] He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. [40] He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" [41] They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"**

## I. Obedience Does Not Exempt Us from Storms

Mark 4:35 (NIV):

***Mark 4:35 NIV That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."***

Notice something important: Jesus is the one who told them to go.

The disciples were not disobedient. They were not out of God's will. They were doing exactly what Jesus commanded...and yet they ended up in a storm.

**Key Truth:**

Being obedient to God does not mean life will be easy. It means you will never face storms alone.

### **Common-Day Example:**

You obey God, but your marriage still struggles.

You follow Christ, but you still lose a job.

You pray, but the diagnosis still comes.

Storms are not always signs of failure; sometimes they are part of God's process.

## **II. The Storm Was Real and Dangerous**

Look at Mark 4:37 (NIV):

**Mark 4:37 NIV A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.**

This was not a mild inconvenience. This was a life-threatening situation.

Many of the disciples were experienced fishermen. They knew storms. Yet this one terrified them.

### **Key Truth:**

Faith does not deny reality. The storm was real...and so is yours.

God does not ask you to pretend everything is fine. He invites you to bring your fear to Him.

### III. Jesus Was Present...Even When He Was Silent

Turn to Mark 4:38 (NIV):

***Mark 4:38 NIV Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"***

Jesus was in the boat the whole time...but He was asleep.

To the disciples, it felt like:

- .Jesus was silent
- .Jesus was inactive
- .Jesus was unconcerned

But silence does not mean absence, and delay does not mean denial.

Common-Day Example:

You pray and heaven seems quiet.

You cry out and nothing changes immediately.

You wonder, “Lord, do You even care?”

The disciples asked the same question.

## **IV. Fear Focuses on the Storm, Faith Focuses on the Savior**

Open to the Word to Mark 4:39 (NIV):

**Mark 4:39 NIV He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.**

Jesus didn't struggle. He didn't panic. He simply spoke.

The same voice that created the universe spoke peace into chaos.

### **Key Truth:**

The storm was never bigger than Jesus...only louder than the disciples' faith.

When fear speaks louder than faith, we forget who is in our boat.

## V. Jesus Cares More About Your Faith Than Your Comfort

Turn to Mark 4:40 (NIV):

**Mark 4:40 NIV He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"**

Jesus didn't rebuke them for waking Him. He rebuked them for forgetting who He was.

The real issue was not the storm...it was their fear.

**Common-Day Example:**

We trust God until life gets uncomfortable.  
We believe His Word until circumstances contradict it.

Storms reveal what we truly believe about Jesus.

## **VI. The Storm Led to Greater Revelation of Jesus**

Open to Mark 4:41 (NIV):

**Mark 4:41 NIV They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"**

The storm produced a deeper understanding of Christ.

They knew Jesus as a teacher before.  
Now they knew Him as Lord over creation.

## **Key Truth:**

Some revelations only come through storms.

What you learn about Jesus in the storm may be greater than what you knew on calm waters.

## **Application: How Do We Find Peace in Our Storms?**

1. Remember Who Told You to Get in the Boat  
If God led you, He will sustain you.
2. Recognize Jesus Is Present Even When Silent  
His silence is not abandonment.

3. Shift Your Focus from the Storm to the Savior  
The storm may be strong, but Jesus is stronger.
4. Trust That Jesus Has Authority Over What Threatens You  
What obeys Him cannot destroy you.
5. Let the Storm Grow Your Faith, Not Your Fear

**Conclusion:** Peace Is Not the Absence of Storms....It Is the **Presence of Christ!**

Peace does not mean calm circumstances.  
Peace means confidence in Christ.

If Jesus is in your boat, your story will not end in drowning...it will end in deliverance.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Lord Jesus,  
We thank You that You are Lord over every storm. You see the winds we cannot control and the waves that frighten us. Forgive us for the times fear has been louder than faith. Help us trust You even when You seem silent. Speak peace into our hearts today, not just around us but within us. We place our lives, our families, and our futures in Your hands.  
In Your powerful name we pray,  
Amen.**