

## The One Who Controls the Storms

Let's Go

Mark 4:35-41

5-16-21

### I. God Works In the Storms of Our Life. (Mark 4:35-37)

*Hebrews 4:15 – “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”*

*“I have a firm conviction that I am immortal until my work is done.” Lottie Moon*

*2 Corinthians 12:9 – “But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”*

### II. We Panic When We Lose Faith In the One Who Controls the Storms. (Mark 4:38-39)

*Philippians 4:6 – “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*

*1 Peter 5:7 – “...casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.”*

*Psalms 145:5 – “On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.”*

**OMNISCIENT**—All knowing

**OMNIPRESENT**—Exists everywhere

**OMNIPOTENT**—All powerful

*Isaiah 40:28 – “Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.”*

### III. Difficulties In the Storms Benefit Our Faith. (Mark 4:40-41)

*Romans 5:3-4 – “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”*

*2 Corinthians 1:4 – “...who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”*

#### Going Deeper This Week

1. Why is it unlikely that the disciples made up this story? If you were going to make up a story about being there when Jesus calmed a storm, how would you tell it?
2. How is it comforting to know that Jesus, in His sovereignty, led the disciples into this predicament?
3. How should the disciples have reacted to the fact that the Son of God was sleeping soundly in their boat during the storm? How does this help us as we face our own mortality?
4. Is it possible to show genuine respect (by calling Him “Teacher”) and disrespect (by accusing Him of indifference) at the same time? Can you think of a time when you questioned God’s love or justice?
5. Is it biblically sound to say that we drive a nail into Jesus’ hand when we doubt Him, and we put a crown on His head when we trust Him?
6. What are the differences between the way Jesus calmed the storm and the way false religions use magic and incantations to control the weather?
7. Are you encouraged to see that the disciples who were with Jesus when He was on the earth were slow to fully understand who He was? On the other hand, do you see why we do not have an excuse to be as unperceptive as they were?
8. In what way would it be comforting to be in the presence of Jesus? In what way would it be terrifying?
9. Does something you have read in the Gospels make you stop and say, “Who then is this?” What about Christ amazes you the most? Spend time praising Him.