God Given Storms - Let's Go Mark 6:45-56 7-4-21

I. His Plans.

Mark 6:45^{-"}Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd."

Colossians 1:28 – "…We want to present everyone to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ."

II. His Prayers.

Mark 6:46 – "After leaving them He went up on the mountain to pray."

1 Chronicles 23:30 – "They were also to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD. They were to do the same in the evening."

Psalm 116:2 – "Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live."

Mark 1:35 – "And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed."

Mark 6:46 – "After leaving them He went up on the mountain to pray."

Mark 14:32 – "And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'"

III. His Person.

Mark 6:47-50 – "And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and He was alone on the land. And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.'" Exodus 33:15 – "Moses said, 'If You don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place.'"

Exodus 33:18 – "Moses said, 'Please show me Your glory.""

Exodus 33:21-22 – "And the Lord said, 'Behold, there is a place by Me where you shall stand on the rock, and while <u>My glory passes by</u> I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and <u>I</u> will cover you with My hand until I have passed by."

IV. His Patience.

Mark 6:52 – "for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened."

V. His Power.

Mark 6:51 – "And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded."

Mark 6:55-56 – "(people) ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well."

This week:

- **1.** Place yourself in front of Him with unhurried prayer and worship.
- **2.** Receive courage for your calling.

Going Deeper This Week

- 1. If someone told you that it is impossible for a man to walk on water, how would you respond?
- 2. Imagine what you would have done if you had seen someone walking on water. Why were the disciples terrified?
- 3. If someone suggested that the disciples created myths about Jesus after His death, how would you respond?
- 4. What was the crowd hoping for when they wanted to crown Jesus as Israel's king?
- 5. Have you ever felt that you were doing the will of God obediently, but you still ended up with trouble and difficulty? How did you feel during the trouble? How did it turn out in the end?
- 6. Mark records three of the instances when Jesus prayed (1:35; 6:46; 14:32-42). How might you change the time, place, and nature of your prayers in light of when and how He prayed?
- 7. How are you encouraged by the disciples' slowness to understand who Jesus was and the Lord's patience?
- 8. How have you experienced His presence and power lately? Have you recently been in awe of Him? Read Ephesians 6:18 and pray for others.