

**Stories and Signs: "God is Sovereign Over Storms"**  
**Matthew 14:22-33**

I. The Lord leads His people into storms. (Matthew 14:22)

II. The Lord calls for obedience that often causes storms. (Matthew 14:22)

III. The Lord prays for us in our storms. (Matthew 14:23)

IV. The Lord comes to us in deeper ways in our storms. (Matthew 14:24-25)

Mark 6:48 - "In Mark's Gospel account of the storm battering the disciples, he mentions that Jesus 'saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them.'"

- Safer in the boat than in the crowd!
- Safer in His will than in their own!
- Cannot judge God based on storms!

V. The Lord calls us to live courageously in the storm. (Matthew 14:26-31)

VI. The Lord refines us in the storms. (Matthew 14:28-31)

VII. The Lord calls us to worship Him in the storm. (Matthew 14:32-33)

## **Family Faith Sheet**

1. Why might we have a difficult time accepting someone else's authority over us?
2. How does prayer reflect our understanding of God's sovereignty over our circumstances?
3. What are the benefits of prayer alone with God as you have experienced them?
4. Why do you think we learn and grow so much from struggles and difficulties?
5. Why do we do a disservice to the text of God's Word if we jump straight to "storms of life" applications without grasping the reality that Jesus walked on water during a physical storm and then calmed it, revealing that He is the Son of God?
6. For what reasons in your life do you worship Jesus as the powerful Son of God?
7. What do you most appreciate about God this week?