

WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

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STORM TRANSFORMER

PART ONE

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

I. INTRO

- In **Mark 4:35**, “**On the same day**” refers to the day on which Jesus gave the “**parables of the kingdom.**” He had been teaching His disciples the Word, and now He would give them a practical test to see how much they had really learned.
- Storms are not only a part of the natural and human life; they are part of the spiritual life as well. Life itself can literally be seen as a voyage on a sea with the storms that come up unexpectedly in your life and mine. This life has been known to produce winds of adversity. However, have you noticed they may begin with a calm breeze but have the potential of becoming a cyclone?
- It’s amazing how many gospel songs were inspired by considering the sea, the ship, the storm and the Savior.
 - I’m Gonna Take A Trip on The Good Old Gospel Ship
 - Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me Over Life’s Tempestuous Sea
 - Keep Me Safe ‘Til The Storm Passes By
 - Smooth Sailing
 - Sail On
 - The Anchor Holds
 - Praise Him in This Storm
- In this text, Jesus had very little to say; He spoke three times and used 24 words. When they went into the storm, they feared the storm. When they came out of the storm, they feared the Savior.

II. PERSONAL TESTIMONY

- The Lord has custom-made storms and thorns. Storms you can’t row and thorns you can’t remove. (**2 Corinthians 12:6-10**)

III. SAVIOR’S PROMISE AND PRESENCE | Verses 35-36

- “**Let us cross over to the other side,**” “**they took Him along in the boat as He was.**”
- Jesus gave the order of **direction** and **destination**.
 - The presence of Christ on board does not guarantee a smooth passage.
 - What He promises is not His *protection from* the storm but His *presence in* the storm.
 - Nothing in Scripture teaches “fair-weather Christianity.”
 - Charles Spurgeon: “Never question in the dark what God showed you in the light.”

IV. THE SAINTS’ PLIGHT | Verse 37

A. THE STORM’S SUDDENNESS

- Can’t you hear the disciples saying, “I didn’t have time to prepare,” or, “Had I only known it was coming.”

B. THE STORM HAPPENED IN FAMILIARITY

- The emphasis of the story is on who Jesus is, not on how He rescues fretful disciples from danger whenever they cry out to Him.
- Christ’s Words can silence the storm.