

:: Matthew 8:23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing."

And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

:: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him.

And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.

But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

:: Finding Jesus in the Storm

I. God's Apparent Silence in a Tempest at Times SEEMS Like Indifference

- We have tempests in our own lives.
- The disciple's response is like our own at times (fear rather than faith).

II. God Cares for Us Even if Our Tears, Fear and Anxiety Are Blocking Our Vision

- Consider the character of God
- Consider your personal history with Him
- He is Faithful.

III. Seeing Jesus Is What Brings the Peace and Stillness in the Storm

- Faith in Jesus Christ is the key.
- Some lack of peace comes from not inviting Jesus into our circumstances through prayer.
- Look to Him; cast your cares upon him.

IV. A Lasting Perfect Calm Is Coming

- The Prince of Peace will conquer all of his enemies and bring in a new age.
- Death, disease, sorrow, pain, corruption and Satan will be overthrown. (Rev 21:4)
- Use the storms in your life to "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

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