

STORMS: What to do in Troubled Times

FEAR OR FAITH?

Mark 4:35-41 Jeff Schreve

"Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Mark 4:38

In the storms of life, will you walk in fear or faith?

1. Storms are an inevitable part of life.

A. They often come without warning.

And behold, there arose a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. Matthew 8:24

B. They sometimes come with great severity.

And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. Mark 4:37

C. They always come for our testing.

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. James 1:2-3

2. Storms reveal our spiritual condition.

And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!" And He said to them, "Why are you timid, you men of little faith?" Matthew 8:25-26

A. Fear is the natural response to a raging storm.

B. Fear always wants to project the worst.

C. Fear must be confronted with faith.

When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. Psalm 56:3-4

1. Faith trusts the Lord's word.

Let us go over to the other side. Mark 4:35

2. Faith believes the Lord's love and care.

"Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting." 2 Chronicles 7:3

3. Faith keeps on moving forward.

3. Storms help us see Jesus more clearly.

And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still."

And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, "Why are you so timid? How is it that you have no faith?" And they became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" Mark 4:39-41

A. He is completely calm in the storm.

B. He is more than able in the storm.

C. He is all we need in the storm.

The key question: Is Jesus in your boat?