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**HOPE**

# HOPE IN THE STORM

This week: Matthew 8:23-27 (Also Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25)

## FACTS ABOUT STORMS

- Storms are \_\_\_\_\_  
“**When** you face trials...” James 1:2
- Storms are \_\_\_\_\_  
“**Without warning**, a furious storm came up...”
- Storms are \_\_\_\_\_  
“He sends the rain on the righteous **and** the unrighteous.” Matt. 5:45

## TRUTHS FOR STORMS

### 1. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

“Then He (Jesus) got into the boat and His disciples followed Him.” vs. 23

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you**, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you!” Isaiah 43:1-2

### 2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

“The disciples said to Him, ‘Teacher, **don’t You care** if we drown?’” Mark 4:38

“Cast all your anxiety on Him because **He cares** for you!” 1 Peter 5:7

“The (believer) will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. **God’s constant care** of him will make a deep impression on all who see it. He **does not fear bad news**, nor **live in dread of what may happen**. For he is settled in his mind that **God will take care of him**. That is why he is not afraid but can calmly face his foes.” Ps. 112:6-9 (LB)

### 3. Jesus is in \_\_\_\_\_

“Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘**Peace! Be still!**’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” Mark 4:39

“Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. **Nothing** is too hard for You.” Jer. 32:17

“The men were amazed and asked, ‘**What kind of man is this?** Even the winds and the waves obey him.’” Matt. 8:27

## BOTTOM LINE

I \_\_\_\_\_ too much when I \_\_\_\_\_ too little

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For personal reflection or group discussion

1. How do you respond to storms in your life—with panic or peace? Or both?
2. What was the worst “life storm” you have ever experienced? How did God see you through that event? How does that encourage you now?
3. Of the three truths about God from the message, which is the hardest for you to believe when a storm hits? Why?
4. What basic advice about surviving storms do you find in Matthew 7:24-27? How can you “build your house on the rock”? What steps can you take today? Remember: All storms are temporary, but God’s power and care for you is permanent! Today, take some time individually or in a group to silently pray and meditate on God’s power to calm the storms in your life.

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## Resources used in preparation of this message

Stan Toler, God Has Never Failed Me Yet, But He’s Sure Scared Me to Death a Few Times

Rick Warren, How to Face an Unexpected Crisis