

1. Introduction

- a. Jesus is always busy about His Father's business

Luke 2:49: And he [Jesus] said unto them [Joseph and Mary], How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not [didn't you know] that I must be about my Father's business?

- b. God reveals Himself through Jesus His Son, Hebrews 1:1-2

2. Reality of Storms: they happen to everyone

- a. Storms can be unpredictable

- i. All people face storms some time in life
- ii. Storms come even in God's presence
- iii. Jesus knows all storms that come into our lives, before they happen
- iv. Facts about this particular storm:

- a. Sea of Galilee at 732 feet below sea level subject to severe storms
- b. Storms can come up suddenly, the winds coming in from Mediterranean Sea
- c. Jesus asleep in back of the boat

- b. Storms can be unmerciful

- i. Storm filled boat with water – no prior warning of storm
- ii. God is with us in middle of storms
- iii. Trials can change your perspective

James 1:5-6: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally [generously], and upbraideth not [will not scold you]; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

1 Peter 4:12: Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try [test] you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

3. Request of the Fearful

- a. Request for His attention

- i. Disciples afraid of drowning
- ii. Disciples ask, "Don't you care that we perish?"

b. Request for His help

- i. Bad things can happen to good people

Lamentation 3:22-23: It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

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- ii. When we are fearful, we want the problem “removed”, but when it’s over we will find God “improved” us to be more like Christ.

4. Response of the Savior

a. Jesus rebuked the wind

- i. Power of God in middle of storm
ii. Consider Jesus’ power when His Word controls nature

b. Jesus spoke to the sea

- i. Jesus created the seas & He can command them. “Peace be still”
ii. Turn your care into prayer, hurry to throne of grace

c. Jesus challenged His Disciples

- i. Jesus asked them why they were so afraid
ii. Jesus also asked them about having no faith for God to protect them

Matthew 6:25-26, 28, 30: Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat [food], and the body than raiment [clothing]? 26 Behold the fowls [birds] of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better [more valuable] than they? ... And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: ... O Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is [alive], and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Psalms 46:1-3: ... God is our refuge and strength, a very present help [God is right there with us] in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

d. Disciples’ response

- i. Disciples asked, “Who is this man?”
ii. Disciples astonished that even the wind & sea obey His voice