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JESUS is Greater Than Your Storm!

Mark 4:35-41

**Key Truth:** When facing difficulties, we must remember that Jesus is in control and working in the midst of our trials to make us more like Him.

**Pop Quiz: The Storms of Life**

1. Jesus Christ allows pop quizzes in this thing called life just to

 see if you were paying attention to His teachings.

 **Matthew 7:24-27**

2. The emphasis of the story is on the person of Jesus Christ; not

 the storm.

**How To Make Sure You Pass The Test:**

1. If Jesus said it, you must believe it.

2. Don’t focus on the storms in your life trust in the presence of

 Jesus Christ. **Psalm 23:4**

3. Feed your faith and starve your doubts.

4. God wants you to fear Him over your circumstances.

 A. The fear of God leads to trust and obedience. **Proverbs 1:7**

5. Understand that Jesus doesn’t deliver us from storms but

 through the storms.

6. Trust in the power and authority of Jesus to calm every storm

 raging in your life.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Know that God is constantly working for our spiritual good, even in the midst of trials and difficulties. Ask God to help us testify of His goodness and mercy as we face the storms of life.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Share about a time you or your family faced a difficult trial.

Are you more mindful of God in the midst of trials or during peaceful times?

What did you learn from that trial? How are you different because of it?

Read MARK 4:35-41: What does the fact that Jesus willingly placed Himself in harm’s way in the boat tell us about Him?

How should Jesus’ presence in the boat changed the disciples’ attitude toward the storm? How might knowing that Jesus is with us in the midst of our difficulties strengthen us to face them?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9: What does Peter say brings great joy?

Peter indicates in verse 7 that God has a plan for the trials that He lets believers face. What is that plan? What is God doing in the hearts and lives of believers as He lets them face trials?

How might trusting Christ in the midst of trials result in “inexpressible and glorious joy”?

Read James 1:2-8: Why is it important to ask God for wisdom during a trial? How would you describe wisdom?

What difficult situations and circumstances are you or your family currently facing? How might God be using that situation to strengthen your faith and deepen your relationship with Him?

Read Psalm 3:1-8: How might studying God’s Word make you more prepared to face the storms of life?

Who do you know that needs to be reminded that God is in control? How might you encourage them to trust Christ in the midst of their difficulties this week?