

Storms of Life
(Facing Storms with Faith)
Mark 4:35-41

1. Storms vary according to age and culture.

Stormy questions:

Teens ask: Who am I? Do I fit in? What do I believe?

20's: What will I do with my life? Am I lovable? Can I find love?

30-40's: Why am I not a better person? Why is life so busy?

40-50's: Why do some people seem to be doing better than I?

What can I do to make a greater contribution to my generation?

50-60's: Why is time moving so fast? Why is my body becoming unreliable?

Who will be around me when I die? What have I done that will outlive me?

70 & 80's: Does anyone realize or care who I once was?

How much of my life can I still control?

What is heaven like? Will I be missed when I die?

Storms come to everyone.

A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. —Mark 4:37

- Storms come in all shapes and sizes.
- Some storms are inconveniences.
- Some storms threaten to destroy us.

2. We search for God in our storms.

- At times, God appears to be asleep.

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- At times, God seems uncaring.

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3. Jesus calms **our** storms.

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Jesus is our storm chaser.

- Jesus is **with** us.
- Jesus **cares** about us.
- Jesus **calms** the storms in our lives.

CONCLUSION:

Jesus calls us to face life's storms with **faith**.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" —Mark 9:40

- Jesus is God...**controls** the universe.
They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" —Mark 9:41
- Jesus is with us... fully **aware** of our circumstance.
Yet not one of them [sparrows] will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. —Matthew 10:29-31
- God cares...**more** than we care about ourselves.
Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. —1 Peter 5:7

We face life's storms with faith by:

- Doing what we **can** and **must** do.
- Huddling **close** to Jesus.

Memory Verse:

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