

Sermon Notes

Series: Mark - On Mission With Jesus

— SESSION 15 —

GROWING THROUGH THE STORMS

Difficulty and struggle are an inevitable part of our life regardless of who we are or where we are from. The question is not “Will we face difficulty?” but rather, “How should we think and respond when the difficulties of life come knocking on our door?” The storms of life may initially bring out of us the worst that we are, but what if they are used by God to grow us into something better? Walking with Jesus throughout our life does not make us exempt from difficulty and pain but what it can do is give our difficult seasons purpose. God desires to do more than just get us out of situations, He wants to grow us through them! In our passage today, we will see how Jesus uses a literal storm to help shape the disciples thinking as to who He is and how they should be.

Mark 4:35-41 - *On that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. 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. Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” And He got up and 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 afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”*

WE WILL ENCOUNTER MANY STORMS IN LIFE (Mark 4:35-37)

WE WILL FACE OUR FEARS THROUGH THE STORMS (Mark 4:39-40)

WE WILL GROW IN FAITH THROUGH THE STORMS (Mark 4:39-40)

WE WILL ENCOUNTER JESUS THROUGH THE STORMS (Mark 4:41)