

God is Good III!!!
Psalm 107:23-32

In our Storms!!!

1. Storms of Disobedience (Jonah)
2. Storms of Distraction (Paul in Shipwreck)
3. Storms of Development (Jesus and Disciples)

Storms are Frightening, Frustrating, Fatiguing

Mark 4:36-41

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, **carest thou not that we perish?**

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? **how is it that ye have no faith?**

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

I) Master of the Storm

A. His Lordship (Commandeth)

1 Cor 10:13

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, **who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able;** but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Peter 1:6

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, **if need be,** ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

B. His Location (Bringeth Out)

Heb 13:5

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

II) **Mission of the Storm**

A. To Break (melted – to soften) (Wits end – end of wisdom)

Job 23:13-16

13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

16 **For God maketh my heart soft**, and the Almighty troubleth me:

Ps 146:3-5

3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

B. To Build

Mark 4:40

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? **how is it that ye have no faith?**

1 Peter 1:7

7 That the **trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, **though it be tried with fire**, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

2 Cor 12:9-10

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: **for my strength is made perfect in weakness**. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me**.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

III) **Miracle of the Storm**

A. Distress that's Alleviated v.28 (Bringeth (yatsa) – to go out)

Ps 46:1

46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

B. Destination that's Assisted v.30 (Bringeth (nacha) – to transport)

Rom 8:28

28 And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Matt 6:33

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Life Group Questions

1. Read Mark 4:36-41 what emotions can you recognize in the disciples while they were in the storm?
2. What have been the emotions you have struggled with in your storms?
3. Why is it that after we have seen God do so much in our lives we sometimes still struggle with our faith? (immaturity, lack of trust)
4. From what we have heard and studied in Psalm 107 why does God bring storms into our lives for and what does he expect us to do about it?
5. God has to bring us to the end of our wisdom so that we can trust in his, why do we have such a hard time with this?
6. What is it that makes man so self sufficient, and what do you think God thinks about this?

Memory Verse

Prov 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.