



Part Five: Signs and Wonders

Sometimes Christianity is accused of being a crutch for weak people. Jesus certainly offers strength for the weak, but make no mistake – the call to follow Jesus is a call to engage and participate with God on a dangerous adventure of restoration and renewal.

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Bottom Line: Great peace in the midst of a great storm only comes through a great Saviour.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been stuck in a dangerous or frightening situation during a big storm? Have you ever had damage done to your property because of a storm? What was your experience like?
2. Read Mark 4:35-41. Discuss the details and your observations. Describe the emotions that you think the disciples felt when they were in the boat in the middle of a storm? What do you think they thought/felt when they saw Jesus sleeping? Can you identify with any of these feelings? Share times in your life when you've felt like you were in the middle of a storm and/or when it felt like God was sleeping through your struggles.
3. What do you think it felt like when Jesus calmed the storm? This miracle points towards the reality that God is recreating the world, while bringing peace to a broken world. Do you find this difficult to believe/imagine? How does reflecting on this miracle help you think about God's activity in the world?
4. When we recognize who Jesus is, the appropriate response is worship. If worship means ascribing or proclaiming the worth of someone/something, what are some ways that we actually worship the storms in our lives? Do you tend to give more credit to life's obstacles than you ought to? What are some ways to combat that tendency in your life?
5. On Sunday, Pastor Dave said: "Who/what we worship will define us, drive us and direct us." Do you think this is true? In what ways have you seen this principle at work in your life?

Moving Forward

What are some practical strategies to ensure that you are giving more worth to God than you do to the storms of your life? Do you feel like you are going through a 'storm' in your life right now? Share with one another your current struggles and pray for one another specifically.