

## NEVER FORSAKEN IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM.

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Mark 4:35-41-NLT

As evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake."

36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed).

37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with His head on a cushion. The disciples woke Him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't You care that we're going to drown?"

39 When Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.

40 Then He asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey Him!"

There are two ways to go through a STORM: In Panic or In Peace.

1. TO GET TO WHERE GOD WANTS TO TAKE YOU, YOU WILL GO THROUGH CERTAIN STORMS---IT'S NOT OPTIONAL.

KJV – "...trying of your faith worketh patience."

James 1:3 - For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things.

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2. WHEN YOU'RE IN THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL AND LIVING IN HIM, THE STORM CAN'T TAKE YOU UNDER.

2Corinthians 4:7-9-AMP.

However, we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.

8 We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way], but not cramped or crushed; we suffer embarrassments and are perplexed and unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair;

9 We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [to stand alone]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed; ...

It is in the storm, not only in the calm that you discover how good God really is.

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KJV - ...Peace! Be still...

The word peace in this verse is the word: Greek---"siopao" see-o-pah'-o It means: to silence, that is, a hush; involuntary stillness, or inability to speak; ...

John 16:33-AMP

... I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted!] For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

3. WHEN THE STORM IS OVER, YOU COME OUT KNOWING GOD BETTER, AND MORE EQUIPPED TO HELP OTHERS.

Verse 40 - ... Then He ask them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.

Wuest Translation: Why are you such timid ones, men of little faith?

TLB: "Why were you so fearful? Don't you even yet have confidence in me?"

Hebrew text: "Why are you afraid with small faith". ("Not being Faithful")-Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful.)

2Corinthians 1:4-5-NLT

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

5 For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with His comfort through Christ.

Isaiah 26:3-4-NLT

You, LORD, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.

4 Trust in the LORD forever; he will always protect us.