

Jesus Stills The Storm - 05/29/22

TEXT- Mark 4:35-41 *And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.*

INTRO –Matthew 8:26 . . . Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?

Jesus completed the lesson and then gave His disciples an unexpected examination! They had listened to the Word of God, and that Word should have increased their faith.

Although the Sea of Galilee is only 5 miles wide and 13 miles long it has a history of severe storms. The fact is that the Sea of Galilee is 600 ft. below sea level, and great storms develop when the cold air and warm air meet. The miracle of stilling the storm is found in all three of the synoptic gospels.

I. Why Do The Storms Come?

The Bible reveals different times when storms come in our lives.

- A. When we are running from God's will – Jonah.
- B. When we have an attitude of unbelief – Zechariah. Luke 1:20
- C. When we have unconfessed sin – Ananias and Sapphira.

- An analysis of the storms in our lives reveals that sometimes they are brought on by our own stupidity or our sin.
- They may be caused by the actions of someone else.
- At times they just seem to happen and we have no idea why.

James tells us the purpose of trials is to test and deepen our faith. **Jas. 1:2-3**

You can find a storm while in the center of God's will!

Luke 8:22 *Let us go over unto the other side of the lake.*

Horatio Spafford, a successful lawyer and businessman from Chicago. He was faced with a series of tragedies. This husband and father of five children was hit with tragedy first when their young son died with pneumonia in 1871, and then in the same year, much of his business was lost in the great Chicago fire. God blessed him and his business was restored and flourished. Then in November of 1873, the French ocean liner, which his wife and remaining four children were on, collided with an iron-hulled Scottish ship. Within minutes the ship carrying the Spafford family sank in the dark waters of the Atlantic. Of the 300 plus passengers on the ship, 226 passengers, including the four Spafford children, went down in the waters. An unexpected business matter kept Mr. Spafford back in Chicago, but he had planned to take another ship to join them in Europe a few days later.

A sailor in a small boat was rowing over the spot where the ship went down and spotted a woman floating on a piece of the wreckage. The woman was Anna Spafford, she was still alive. They were picked up by another large

vessel and nine days later when she arrived in Wales, Anna wired her husband. Her message read: "Saved alone, what shall I do?"

Horatio Spafford immediately set sail to meet his wife. During the voyage, the captain of the ship he was sailing on showed Horatio the spot where the ship his family had been traveling on went down. As he thought about his daughters, he began to pen the words of this hymn:

When peace like a river attendeth my way; When sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

II. The Power Of The Storm

- A. The severity of the storm
- B. The anxiety of the Disciples
- C. They were fearful
- D. The uncertainty of what to do
- E. It revealed a lack of faith
- F. Anxiety of our day

In August 2018, Barnes & Noble — who are the largest book retailer in the United States — announced a huge surge in the sales of books about anxiety; a 25 percent jump on June 2017.

III. The Taming Of The Storm

- A. Jesus was had no anxiety – He was in control
- B. Jesus stilled the storm – A great calm
- C. He rebuked the disciples
- D. They saw the power of Jesus

As the great old hymn says so well, "When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace, In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil."

IV. The Peace After The Storm

- A. They learned to have faith in Him
- B. They developed greater admiration for him
- C. They learned humility
- D. Learn there will be storms in life
- E. Christ is always with us

CONCL – Why should we worry and faint? We have a Savior who watches over us.

- He is the Good Shepherd that watches over His sheep.

Pro. 18:10 *The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*