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The Great Storm is Coming

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Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Mark 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

This is a very familiar story. You hear it talked about a lot. I am sure that I have talked about over the years on many, many different times and many different occasions. However, there is a thought here that we want to talk about just for a few moments tonight. We all want to be victors. Do we not? We all want to win. We all want to be conquerors.

I thought about what the brother was singing when he sang the song about Goliath. In our lives we all face issues. We are going to face problems. We all want to conqueror these things. We all want to be able to have victory over the issues that come our way.

Do you know what? We can. We can have victory. Do you know that? That is what we want to talk about tonight just for a few moments with the Lord being our helper.

As you read the story, you will find out in the early part of this book, Jesus has spoke many parables to them. He is teaching the people here by parables. There were a lot of things that the people did not understand. We know that Jesus, when He got the disciples to the side that He expounded unto them some of His teaching.

The Bible says here...

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The same day when He was doing the teaching, when we were putting forth the many parables that He put forth here. This same day, when evening...

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

Keep that in mind. It has been a busy day, no doubt. They were all tired. They probably had to hear Jesus talk, preach and teach all day long. We know they were on the western side of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus said here when it become even time; He said, we are going to go over, let us pass over unto the other side.

Think about something just for a few moments this evening. Jesus made this statement. He made this statement unto His disciples. He said to "Let us..." Do you know who that includes? That includes the disciples. When He made the statement "Let us go over to the other side..." do you know what He was saying? "We are going over to the other side."

Do you know what blesses me today, as I began to think about this? I began to think about how great a God that you and I have. He promised these disciples here they were going to go over to the other side. They were just going to take a short trip, maybe six or seven miles. They were going to go over unto the other side of the Sea of Galilee. However, do you know what God has promised you and me? He promised you and me that if we will just simply follow Him that one day He is going to take us to the other side.

Are you glad today that we are serving a God who will take us to the other side? I do not have to worry about whether I am saved. I do not worry about where I am going. Do you know why? Because God made me a promise. One night a long time ago, when I surrendered my life unto Him, do you know what He promised me? You follow me and I will take you to heaven one day. Do you know what I say? I say glory to His name.

Listen. We do not have anything to worry about.

He said, "Guys, let us go over to the other side." I want you to understand something here that He did not say. He did not say that they were not going to have any issues. He did not say they were going to be all kinds of soft sailing and there were not going to be any issues. He did make the statement you are going to the other side.

In life—listen—I am on my way to heaven and you are too if you are saved. God never promised us a bed of roses. He never promised us that we would never have heartaches and hardships. He never promised us that we would not have cancer. He never promised that we would never get sick but thank God He did make us a promise that He is going to come and get us one day and take us home to be with Him. Glory to His name. That excites me tonight. Does it you? We have something to look forward to more than all the issues we have in life, all the disappointments that we have in life,

all the things that happens that is not...but thank God, we are on our way home. Isn't that great?

Look at what happens. Here they are. They were probably tired and worn out. I know Jesus was. The Bible says here.

Mark 4:36 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.

Are you glad of something? I thought about this today. We are not on this journey by ourselves. These guys here were going to go across the Sea of Galilee. They were going to go across this Sea but they were not by themselves. There were others ships with them and they had disciples in them.

I am so very glad today that there are people that calls themselves Baptist, Catholic, Holy Rollers, and Nazarenes. Listen. There are other people going to the same way that you and I are going. Jesus, did not say that if you belong to this religion or this church, you can go to heaven. He said, if you will follow me, then you can go to heaven.

These boys were crossing the Sea of Galilee and they were on little ships here. Do you know what Jesus knew? Jesus knew there was going to be a storm. He knew this storm was going to be a storm of all storms. He knew that these guys were going to get upset and they were going to be afraid. Jesus knew all along what they were going to face before they ever got into the boat, before they started across the sea; Jesus Christ knew what was coming.

Get this. Are you glad that He knows what is coming in my life and in your life? He knows the battles, and the storms that we are going to face as we go through this life, as we walk with Him, as we are obedient to Him; He knows what we are going to face. Do you know what He does? Get this. He goes with us.

He knew that this storm was going to come.

I want to say something while I am here too. Many times, and there are a lot of people and preachers that wants to try to tell people that if you ever have any issues in life, and if you ever get sick, and when trials come it is because of some disobedience in your life. Do you know what friend? If they would read these few little verses here do you know what they would have to do? They would have to throw that ideal out of the way because it is not that way at all.

These guys were following Jesus. They were right there with Jesus. Jesus was with them. Do you know what? There was going to be a storm come. They were following Him. They were going the direction that He told them to go. They were going to the place that He said, we are going to go to. Yet there was going to be a storm.

I know when we read about Jonah, he got in a storm because of his disobedience.

Listen. I am glad of something tonight. When the storms come, I know where we can look. I know what we can do. There is a Savior that we can call upon and He will hear our prayers.

These guys were scared to death.

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“a great storm...” it was not just a little puff of wind. Listen. If we live on earth long enough, there is going to be a great storm. Now there are going to be storms but there is coming a great storm, if we live long enough. Do you know that? There is coming a big storm. There is coming a storm like we have never seen before. The Bible says...

Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

Do you know what these disciples were? They were fishermen. They had been on this lake many times. They were fearless men. They had seen storms. They had gone through all kinds of issues. However, this storm was a different. It was a great storm. Do you see what happens here? These guys were scared to death. The Bible says...

Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

It was now filled with water. Here these guys are. No doubt, they had fished all their lives on this sea. However, they had never seen a storm like this one.

Listen. There is coming a day in your life, there is coming a storm in your life that you are going to need Jesus Christ. I never lived in a time like we live in today when people thinks they are never going to need salvation, or they are never going to need Jesus.

I promise you something. There is coming a day that you are going to call upon Him. The Bible says that there is coming a day that every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father. There is a storm coming and it is coming to your house. It is coming to your home. It is coming to your family. It is coming to you. You are going to need Jesus a whole lot more than you think that you ever would. It is coming. It came to these guys. If you have not had a great storm then you are very blessed. It is coming.

The Bible says...

Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

The boat was full of water. Get something. These guys—two things here—these guys did not have anything to worry about. You might say that is easy for me to say but it should have been easy for them to see. First of all, Jesus said, we are going to the other side. Therefore, that should have told them that they are not going to drown. Amen! Truth!

If you are saved tonight, following Jesus, you do not have to worry about waking up lost in the morning. Amen! You do not have to worry about that.

Jesus said, we are going to the other side and that should have been enough to suffice them. However, they got afraid. Did they not? Not only that but He is right there with them. He knew the storm was coming. He is right there in the boat with them. They saw Him. Get this. They saw Him raise the dead. They saw Him go into Jericho one day, and as He was coming out of Jericho, there was a guy by the name of Bartimaeus. Do you remember that dude? Do you remember him? He was beside the wayside there begging. He began to cry out to Jesus, have mercy on me. We know the story. The crowd said to be quiet. He continued to cry. They brought him to Jesus. Jesus said what do you want me to do for you? He said, I want to see. Do you know what Jesus did? He healed him. Do you know what the disciples saw? They saw that. Amen!

I thought about people who needs a touch, who needs to be healed. Listen. I do not know why some people gets healed and some people do not. I do not have any idea. That is beyond me. If you would be honest, it is way beyond you too. Amen! Do you know what I have seen God do? I have see God heal people. You can say, I bumped my head that day. You can say, I ate too much pizza and I was just having a dream. You can say whatever you want to say. I know what I saw. I know what I have experienced. Amen! Jesus Christ still heals people. He does. If I did not believe that I would quit. If I did not think Jesus had the power to heal then we would be wasting our time. If He could not heal you then He sure could not take you to heaven. Amen! That is a different message.

Here the guys are. The Bible says the ship is filled with waves and water. Do you know what Jesus is doing? He is taking a nap. Do you know what?

Get this. The storms around you and me, do not excite Jesus not one bit. The storms that we face and the storms that are all around us and the things that are going on in our lives that troubles us so much—get this—Jesus is not afraid of them. He cares about them. He cares about you. He cares about me. He cares about what we are going through. However, the issues themselves do not alarm Jesus Christ.

He is in a boat. He is taking a nap. It is filling with water. The water is coming over the sides and Jesus is taking a nap. Circumstances do not alarm the Lord. Does everybody get that. Not only that but since the disciples had seen Him raise the dead, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, since they had seen Him do that and not only that but

since He is right there in the boat with them they should not have been afraid. Because He was right there with them.

Get this. When the great storm comes in your life, when the great storm comes in my life; do you know where I want Him at? I want Him real close to me. I want Him close to you. He will be if you will just follow Him. He is leading the way. He knows the storm is coming. He knows what is going to happen. He leading the way. He knows the storm is coming. He knows what is going to happen. This was on the agenda for this day for these guys. They had a lesson they needed to learn. Amen! They had a lesson they would never forget in life. I am glad for things that God teaches us. When the storm comes and when it does not look like we are going to see the light of the day. God heals. God touches. God does things.

Do you know what? There are things that happened that I will never forget. You do not need to know. It would not do you any good anyway if I would tell you. However, some things that God has done has taught me some great lessons. Amen! You are the same way.

Mark 4:38 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?

He is taking a nap. The winds are raging. The water is coming over the sides of the boat. The disciples were bailing the water out just as hard as they could bail. Jesus is taking a nap. Amen!

Get this. Do you know why Jesus was taking a nap? Again, these circumstances did not concern Him. He was not alarmed about these circumstances. Amen!

Now there is a false sense of security I think that people in this world have today that are like Jonah. When Jonah sinned against God, he goes down inside the ship and he goes to sleep also, but Jonah was about to die. There was a whole bunch of people about to die because Jonah had been disobedient. He had a false sense of security. He was not where he needed to be. He was taking a nap but he was in a world of trouble.

Jesus was taking a nap and He was right in the center of God the Father's will. These guys were not in any danger whatsoever. They though they were.

Mark 4:38 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?

Don't you care that we are all about to drown? We are all about to die. Don't you care? Do you know what? He did care. He cared about what was going on.

Here is something I want you to get. Do you know what fear does? Fear does a lot of things to us. Do you know what fear brings in my life? Fear brings unbelief. When I get afraid of the circumstances that I am in and I am not trusting God, even though He is

right there beside of me. I know I am in His will. I know I am living right. I know His hand is upon my life. When I get afraid, then I start not believing.

That is what these guys did. He was right there in the ship with them. They had seen Him heal people. They saw Him raise people from the dead. They saw Him do miracles. They saw take five loaves and two fishes and feed thousands of people. However, now they woke Him up and said, "Lord, don't you care that we are about to perish?"

The enemy wants us to fear. The enemy wants us to question. "God, do you really love me? Do you really care about me?" Friend, Jesus cares about you. Jesus cares about me.

They asked Him a question. Don't you care that we are all about to drown? Don't you care that we are all about to die? The Bible says, He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea and said...

Mark 4:39 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.

Do you see what happens? The thing that was causing the disciples so much fear and so much turmoil on the inside, so much anguish, stealing the victory and so much from them; Jesus just said, "Peace, be still." Do you know what they learned? They learned a lesson that not only can He raise the dead, not only can He heal the sick, not only can He feed thousands with two loaves and a few fishes, but even the winds and the sea obey Him. Amen! Do you know what that should have told these disciples? Do you know what that should tell you and me? There is not a storm that will come in my life and in your life that is going to catch our Lord by surprise. There is not going to be a storm that is going to come in my life or in your life that He does not and is not aware of and that He cannot heal and rescue us from—there is not one storm. Amen!

These guys here... Listen. Here is the message. Jesus makes this statement.

Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Do you know what was more dangerous to these guys than the boat being full of water or the winds and waves? Do you know what was more dangerous to them than that? What was going on in here. They did not have something that they needed. Them lacking faith in Him was more dangerous than the storm they were going through. Amen!

The storm was great. The Bible says it was. It was a fierce storm. The boat was full of water. The wind was blowing. No doubt, the ship was being tossed. However, the greatest danger that they had, the greatest danger they were facing was not the winds, or sea. It was not that at all. It was that they had no faith in Him. They were going

where He said to go. He was right there with them. Yet they were so afraid they were going to drown.

Storms are going to come. The Goliath's are going to come. It is going to happen. It is going to me. It is going to happen to you. However, I want to encourage you that when the storms do come, and they will come; put your trust in Him. Keep Him close. Make sure we stay close to Him. Amen! These things are not going to alarm Him. They are not going to upset Him necessarily. They are not going to catch Him by surprise. However, we need to trust Him. Amen! If you will do that when storms come, do you know what you will be able to do? Life on this journey from one side to the other side will be a whole lot better.

You will not be near as disappointed. You will not be near as upset. You will not have to drink near as much Maalox. Amen! Or, eat Roloids, or drink soda water. Amen! You probably never did do that. Did you?

Listen. Jesus makes life worth living. Amen! Jesus makes life worth living. When the storms come, you are going to need Him. He cares about you. Whatever it is you are facing; He cares about you. Stay close to Him. As He is leading us from earth to heaven, let us make sure we stay close to Him. I promise you when the storm comes He will take care of us.

Come and pray—