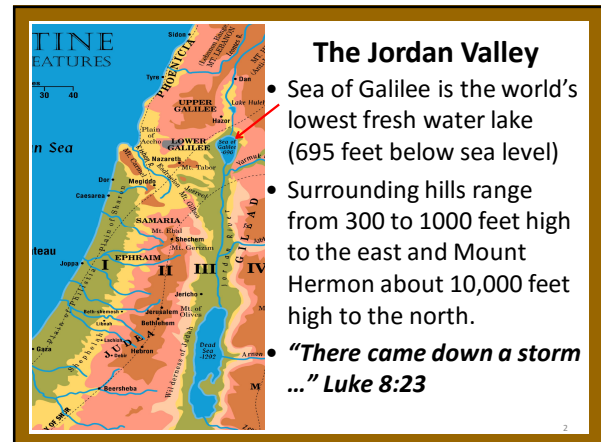


The Storms Of Life

Calms The Sea. Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
Walks On The Sea. Matthew 14:22-33; John 6:15-21



We Are Going To Have Storms! James 1:2; 1 Corinthians 10:13

- Enjoy the good times and be thankful. Romans 1:8, 21; Colossians 2:6-7; Philippians 4:6
- Be prepared. Matthew 7:24
- Storms are often unexpected. Mark 4:35-37
- Beware of ignorance. Acts 27:9-11
- **Remember six things when storms come.**

#1 Remember Who Is in Control

- When storms arise – we need to turn to the sovereign Lord.
 - **Matthew 8:25-27**
 - **Psalms 89:9** *"Thou rulest the pride of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them."*
- God may not have appointed the storm – but He does allow it.
 - **Job 1:9-12**
 - **Ecclesiastes 9:11**

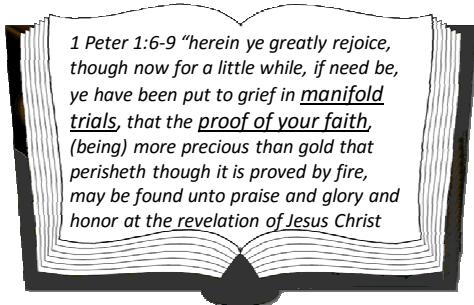
#2 Remember There Is Something To Learn

- Jesus told the disciples to get into the boat.
- **Matthew 14:22-33** – came walking on the water
- Storms can bring about growth, strength and patience.
 - **Psalms 4:1** *"Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; Thou hast set me at large (when I was) in distress: have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer."*
 - **James 1:2-6**
 - **Romans 5:3-5**

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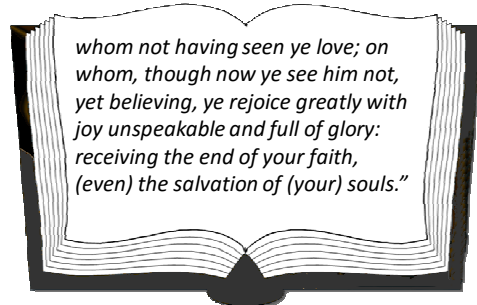
- Through faith, storms can refine us, purify us, and bring about the salvation of our souls!
 - **1 Peter 1:6-9**

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#3 Remember Jesus Is Our Intercessor

- Jesus had gone up into the mountain to pray.
 - **Matthew 14:27 "Be of good cheer"**
 - **cf. Mark 4:38 "Carest thou not that we perish?"**
- Sometimes we may wonder where Jesus is.
 - **John 6:17 – Dark and Jesus had not yet come.**

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#3 Remember Jesus Is Our Intercessor

- We need to know that Jesus is working for us.
 - **Hebrews 7:25**
- He cares! **1 Peter 5:6-7**
- He will never leave us – NEVER!
 - **Hebrews 13:5-6**

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#4 Remember, You Can't Make It On Your Own

- The disciples rowed for three or four miles against a strong and contrary wind.
 - **John 6:19**
 - **Matthew 14:24-25**

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#4 Remember, You Can't Make It On Your Own

- Can't you hear the disciples saying, "row harder," "work harder"?
 - **Ephesians 2:8-10**
 - **James 2:14-24**
- We need Jesus!
 - **Matthew 8:25**
 - **John 14:6 Trust!**

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#5 Remember, Jesus Is Near

- He is always close by.
 - **Matthew 8:24-25**
- We may not recognize Him.
 - **Matthew 14:26**
 - **John 6:19**
- Jesus will come to calm our fears.
 - **Matthew 14:25-27**
 - **John 6:19-20**

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#6 Remember, Jesus Has Power Over Storms

- He has power over the wind and the sea.
 - **Matthew 8:26-27**
- When Jesus lives in us (Gal. 2:20), there is peace.
 - **Matthew 14:31-33; Philippians 4:6**

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#6 Remember, Jesus Has Power Over Storms

- We will reach our intended destination if we, by faith, trust and obey the Lord.
 - **Matthew 14:22**
 - **John 6:21**
- I may not know your problem, but I know the answer!

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Riding Out The Storm

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Riding Out The Storm

We are going to have storms!

The real question is HOW will we face them?

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God has not promised us a storm-free journey, but He will provide the faithful with a safe landing!

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Riding Out The Storm



The greatest storm of all is coming for those who fail to trust and obey the Lord!


Judgment

Are you ready?

2 Corinthians 5:10
2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

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Storms of Life



Don't Panic – Trust God Who Sees All & Cares!

- **God Doesn't Promise a Life Free of Trouble, But He Does Promise Protection!**
1 Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And his ears unto their supplication: But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil."
- **No Storm Lasts Forever**
Psalms 23:4 "Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."

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The Preparations Needed

- Hear the word of God – **Romans 10:17**
- Believe – **John 8:24**
- Repent – **Acts 17:30**
- Confess – **Acts 8:37**
- Baptism – **Colossians 2:12**
- Continue to grow – **1 Corinthians 15:58**
- Erring Christian – **James 5:16**

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