

God's Story Our Story - NT

The Storms of Life

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On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him.³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:35-42 (ESV)

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1. Storms come from my rebellion and disobedience.

Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil^[a] has come up before me."³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

Jonah 1:203 (ESV)

2. Storms come from others in your life.

And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So, they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.⁸ Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? Jonah 1:7-8 (ESV)

3. Storms come because we live in a fallen world.

.” For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. Mat 5:45 (ESV)

4. Storms comes from Satan.

And he awoke and rebuked... vs. 39.

Living through the Storms of Life

✓ Storms are real, but so is God’s Presence.

I am with you always...Matthew 28:20

✓ Spiritual Warfare is Real – Know and practice the basics.

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.^[a] ² And when Jesus^[b] had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. Mark 5:1-2 (ESV)

- Prayer
- Memorize scripture
- Put on the Armor of God...Daily.
- Stay Close to Jesus.

they took him with them in the boat...

✓ Jesus has the Power to speak Peace over your storm.

And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:3-4

MY NEXT STEP:

- BEGIN a Relationship with Jesus today.
- PRAY for our MAPS Missions team that leaves this Friday.
- BRING a guest with you next Sunday!
- SIGN UP for Water Baptism – Sunday March 23