**Sermon Notes October 3, 2021**

**Sermon: “Finding Peace in the midst of Storm”**

**Scripture To read prior to life group: John 4:35-41,** Matthew 28:20, John 11:4,14-15,21,24-25,32-37,Psalm 56:8-9,11, Romans 8:28, 2 Tim. 1:7, Philippians 4:12-13, Isa. 59:1, Acts 2:17, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, Psalm 30:5, & Isa. 43:1–3

**Summary:** Jesus has been teaching the crowds and performing miracles and the disciples have been watching it all. Although they have been witnesses to Jesus’ great words and deeds, according to Mark, they still don’t get it. They believe, but how much they believe or what they believe is not absolutely clear. Jesus and His disciples have had a busy day. Jesus is tired from all the teaching He has done and falls asleep in the boat. A storm on the Sea of Galilee was nothing new to Jesus’ disciples. They were fishermen so they were accustomed to the wind and the waves. This night was different. The storm was fierce, the waves were high, and their fear was great. They learned a very important lesson in the face of the storm—to trust Jesus. In that sudden storm, Jesus did an astounding thing. And in that we learn some things that counsel us in the light of the devastating experience that we seek to navigate through in these days.

1. **No guarantee against the sudden**
2. It has been the mistaken notion of many that if a person is a faithful follower of Jesus, he or she is protected from the troubles of life.
3. Joseph, Job, Jeremiah, Paul, Disciples, John
4. Jesus promises "I am with you" (Matt. 28:20). It may be tough to be in a storm with Jesus but imagine being in one without him.
5. **It may appear God isn't doing anything**
6. it may appear that in these sudden experiences of life that grieve us and threaten our sense of God's nearness and care that God isn't doing anything (v. 38).
7. John 11:4,14-15,21,24-25,32-37 we protest the seeming inaction of Jesus when he seems to be asleep at the wheel of our lives.
8. Psalm 56:8-9,11

1. Romans 8:28 Don’t ask why ask How.

1. **Fear can replace faith**
2. Jesus is listening He heard their cries for help. He sprang into action. He spoke, and the winds ceased and the waves

1. When fear comes, faith is removed. 2 Tim. 1:7

1. When the sudden comes in our lives, the Sovereign Savior is looking for us to look at him.
2. Pray first not last
3. Philippians 4:12-13
4. **Jesus hears our cries**
5. A shepherd hears the bleat of the sheep, so does Jesus hear our cries. "Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear" (Isa. 59:1).

1. **Sudden storms serve to turn us to Jesus**
2. Before the storm we had forgotten what God looks like and now, in the storm, we turn to see him again.
3. When you feel panic confess your need for God “Lord, I Need You”

**6. Storms don't last forever**

**a.** "It shall come to pass" (Acts 2:17). So, too, will the turbulence through which we presently walk. The pain will linger, but its power will be softened

b. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, Psalm 30:5

**7. God will assist others**

**a.** Jesus worked in the one and the overflow of protection encircled the others.

b. "other boats" were heartened by their experience.

**8. The sovereign of the sudden is in control**

**a.** God's plan and purpose for our loved ones and for our lives are not subject to whims, accidents, circumstances, illnesses, and evil

b. "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior" (Isa. 43:1–3).

c. "Our Lord reigns! Depression gave way to celebration. The Reigning Redeemer was, is, and always will be in charge. In our pain and sorrow, we stand on the everlasting truth, "Our Lord reigns!"

Application / Next Steps what can I do this week to connect more deeply with Jesus?

 **1. Pray first not last**

**2. When you feel panic confess your need for God “Lord, I Need You”**

**3. Don't ask why ask How Romans 8:28**

**4. Memorize Acts 2:17 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 Psalm 30:5**

Storms give way to peace; depression gives way to celebration! Our Reigning Redeemer was, is, and always will be in charge. in our Storms times of Pain and Sorrow we stand on the everlasting truth our Lord reigns!

Possible Prayer:

Dear Jesus,

You are so good to us. When we face life’s storms, thank You for being beside us and giving us peace. Sometimes we don’t know what to do when we face these difficult times in our lives. How good to know You are waiting for us to come to You. We don’t want to face these storms alone. Lord Jesus, will You come and live in our hearts? Open our eyes to the places where we need to let You help us, guide us and change us. We need You. We love You. May we live our lives in relationship with You. Come into our storms and give us the peace we need to live each day. Amen.