

9-11-22 Facilitator – Jesus’ Power Over Circumstances, Mark 4:35-41

1. **Launchers: What is your worst travel nightmare?**

2. **Worship: Worship God For and In the Trials He Brings**

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and James 1:2-4. Rejoice in your weakness that leads to dependence and faith.

3. **Sermon Reflection:**

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- What is significant about Jesus initiating this trip?
- Where do you feel as if God has you on a lake in a hurricane?

A NEGATIVE REVIEW

- Why does it matter that Jesus confronts and discovers our unbelief to us?
- When have you said to God, “do you not care that we are perishing?”
- When did you think “Jesus doesn’t really care that I am perishing” but did not have the courage to say it to Him?
- How does this reveal our deeper problem of sin and unbelief?

AND AMAZING COMPENSATION

- How does Jesus’ response help us to see His saving Grace?
- Jesus does good for them during their unbelief and bad attitudes.
 - How does this act of power and kindness cause you to trust his love and leadership?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray With Us...**

1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, for His sovereign power matched with His perfect everlasting love. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that He is both great and good!

2. How have you lived as if God is cruel and that He does not care for you? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for doubting Him and slandering His good character by your complaints.

3. Give thanks to Jesus for the wonder of Him bearing the accusations that we deserve and for working all of His power against sin, Satan, death, and hell so that we could be eternally redeemed and brought to perfect peace.

4. Who do you know that struggles with trusting God in hardships? Pray for them, asking the Lord to show them mercy and to give them eyes to see and ears to hear His trustworthiness and love even through suffering.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy, and patience, especially in trying circumstances. Pray for such assurance of Jesus’ finished work to save you, and seal you by His Spirit, that you can rejoice even in difficulties.

5. **Mission: Jesus is the “Crisis Creator” so that we would know Him as the Christ-est Creator.**

- Where do you feel as if God has you on a lake in a hurricane?

Jesus is the Crisis Creator

So that we would know Him as the Christ-est Creator.

A Crisis of faith produces the Christ-est of faiths.

A Crisis of Faith – when what is required of us exceeds our resources.

Jesus keeps us from harm by keeping us in harms way
so we will faith through the troubles He brings us.

A life of crisis leads to the Christ-est of lives.

Internal renewal often follows external trauma.

Holy Spirit’s work is not about our sinlessness or sinfulness.

Holy Spirit is about our intimacy with God through our dependence on Jesus.