



Word on Wednesday Bible Study

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PEACE IN THE STORM - Mark 4:35-41

A Few Messages from Mark's Gospel, Study Three

Mark wrote for a suffering, uncertain church that needed real, verifiable proof of who Jesus is, not just a story to admire from a distance. On a dark night on the Sea of Galilee, a sudden storm terrified even seasoned fishermen while Jesus slept in the same boat. Then He spoke, and the wind and the sea obeyed.

Peace in the storm does not depend on the weather. It depends on who is in the boat.

SETTING THE SCENE: THE CROSSING

Mark 4:35-36

After a full day of teaching, Jesus said, "Let us go across to the other side." The disciples took Him "just as he was," worn out from pouring Himself into the crowds. Jesus is the Servant who "came not to be served but to serve."

Mark 10:45 • Mark 8:34 • Isaiah 53:3

I. THE CHAOS IN THE BOAT

Mark 4:37-38

"A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat." The boat likely included Peter, Andrew, James, and John, seasoned fishermen who knew this sea well (Mark 1:16-20). Even they believed they were going to die.

Spiritual maturity is not a _____.

Fear is not the absence of _____. Fear is what faith must walk _____.

Psalms 107:23-28 • 2 Timothy 1:7 • Psalm 56:3

For the believer: Don't let anyone make you feel small for being afraid in a real storm, and don't let the enemy convince you that your fear disqualifies you from God's help

II. CHRIST IN THE BOAT

Mark 4:38

"But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion." Same wind. Same waves. Same boat. Two completely different postures. The disciples cried, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

Peace was never about what was happening to the _____. It was about _____ was in it.

God's _____ is not the same as God's _____.

Psalms 4:8 • Isaiah 43:2 • Hebrews 13:5

For the believer: You can have people in your boat who love you, encourage you, and even help you bail water. But none of them can control your storm. Make room for Jesus.

III. THE COMMAND FROM THE BOAT

Mark 4:39-41

Jesus *"rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."* Then He asked, *"Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"* The disciples were filled with great fear and asked, *"Who then is this?"*

His presence tells you that you are not _____ in the storm. His authority tells you the storm doesn't get the _____ word.

It may be over your head, but it is still under His _____.

Psalms 107:29 • Psalm 89:9 • Colossians 1:16

For the believer: Don't wait for the danger to pass to trust God. Hold steady to the One who has the final say over the storm.

FROM THE SEA TO THE CROSS

Read Mark 15:33, 37-39

The disciples asked, *"Who then is this?"* At the cross, a Roman centurion gave the answer: *"Truly this man was the Son of God!"* Three days later, death itself had to be still.

TAKING IT HOME THIS WEEK

Pick **one** to practice before we meet again:

- ☐ **Name it.** Write down the storm you're facing. Each day, pray over it: "Lord, You are in this boat with me."
- ☐ **Read it.** Read Psalm 107:23-32 each day this week and underline every word about what God does in the storm.
- ☐ **Steady someone.** Be the calm presence for someone in a storm this week. Call, visit, or sit with them.

Memory Verse: Mark 4:41 says, *"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

CLOSING WORD

*The storm was real. The fear was real. But Jesus was in the boat. The wind and the waves obeyed Him, and so did the grave. **Hold steady. He is in your boat.***