

GREATER THAN THE STORM

John 6:16-21

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Introduction

Going down the mountain, the disciples set sail to cross the Sea of Galilee for Capernaum. There are several experienced fisherman on board, so the group departs without hesitation. It was not long before the disciples find themselves in a violent storm. They are only three or four miles out, but it might as well be a thousand, because they are in the grip of the storm and seem unable to make any progress. What happens next will change them and help them see that Jesus is GREATER THAN THE STORM.

Everybody experiences storms—those unexpected experiences that have us feeling like we are alone in the dark. Jesus sees you no matter where you are and he is always moving toward you. He is never very far away. He will steady you with his word and his power meets you in your weakness. Jesus will not fail you and he will see you safely home.

Outline

Enjoy the mountain, but don't be surprised when you come down and find yourself in the dark.

Questions and trials usually go together.

Jesus is always on time, so when you are in a storm, keep rowing and looking for Jesus.

Jesus is always moving toward you and nothing can stop him.

The words of Jesus will steady you in the storm.

The problem is not Jesus' power, it's my faith.

God's power will meet you in your weakness.

Where you look and who you listen to will have an impact on what you do during the storm.

With Jesus as the captain of your faith, the destination is guaranteed.

Application

What do you believe about Jesus?

Will you press on, hold on, and repeat in the storm?

Do you know where you are going?

Questions

1. What are some of the questions you ask when you are in storms? Have those questions changed over the years? Why?
2. What are some of the things you have learned about God in storms?
3. What are some ways we can "keep rowing" when things are dark and tough?
4. Why is God's word so important in storms?
5. How do you deal with your fears?
6. Share a time when God gave you peace in a storm.
7. What are some ways God wields his power for us?