

(More Than) Surviving the Storm

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Discussion Questions:

1. What current trend do you hope will go on for a long time?
2. What stood out to you most from this sermon? Please share why.
3. Please read Matthew 14:22-32 and share what new understanding or impact you received from this passage is. How can you apply that to your life?
4. On a scale of 0-10 (zero being terrible & 10 being perfect), please rate how you have handled the recent storms in your life in light of this sermon. Share a little about how you came to your evaluation number.

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Matthew 14:22–32 NKJV

²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

1. Have a God-Purpose (Destination)

- Many _____ have defined their purpose, but they haven't allowed _____ to define their purpose

Revelation 1:8 NKJV

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2. Storms are GOING to come on the way to your Destiny

1 John 3:13 AMP

¹³ Do not be surprised *and* wonder, brethren, that the world detests *and* pursues you with hatred.

- Storms are going to come, but it's what you _____ & _____ you're with in that storm that matters

3. Jesus is Unphased by the Storm

Matthew 14:23 NKJV

²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

Jesus prayed at 2 strategic times:

- _____ a Big Event/Miracle
- _____ a Big Event/Miracle
- Prayer and the Fresh, God-breathed (_____) Word of God cause _____ in our life.

Matthew 7:24–27 NKJV

²⁴ “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

James 1:5–8 NKJV

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Hebrews 6:18–19 NKJV

¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*. ¹⁹ This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil,

- Without the _____ of God, we don't have an _____ for our soul.

Jesus sent everyone away

- Don't _____ in the presence of God
- Change from people _____ pray to People _____ Prayer

4. Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

Matthew 14:30–32 NKJV

³⁰ But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

- The storm is going to _____ for your attention
- The storm isn't even “Real” - It is a _____ from your destination
- _____ can stop you from your God-destiny when you keep your eyes on Jesus!

Just One Thing:

- _____ your Bible - Be a person of _____ - Keep your _____ on Jesus and you will do MORE THAN Survive the Storm