



You Can Smile At The Storm!

Prayer

Icebreaker: Can you share your experience about the worst storm you have ever had to face. This can either be a real storm, or you can share about a stormy time in your life.

Read text: Mark 4:35-41

From a spiritual perspective there are two kinds of storms that descend on our lives

Storms of our own making

1. What happened to Jonah when he tried to run from God? Jonah 1:3-4

2. What warning does God give to those who refuse to follow His directions in Proverbs 1:24-27?

3. Why would God seem to laugh and mock during the storms we bring on ourselves?

Storms of God's own choosing

4. What instructions did Jesus give His disciples in Mark 4:35, and what spiritual applications can we make from this verse.

5. What wonderful promise do we find in Isaiah 43:2-3 to help us through the storms of life?

6. What promise does Jesus make to us in Hebrews 13:5-6?

7. Do you think that terrible windstorm took Jesus by surprise, and is He surprised by the storms that come on us from out of the blue? Mark 4:37, John 16:30

8. What consolation and example should the disciples have taken from the fact that Jesus was asleep in their boat? Mark 4:38, Psalm 37:3-8, Philippians 4:6-7, John 14:27

No water can swallow the ship where lies the Master of ocean and earth and skies

9. How can God be glorified through the storms that I face in my life? Psalm 148:7-8

10. How would you answer the disciples question in Mark 4:38, *Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing* from 1 Peter 5:7 and Philippians 1:6?

Think about this week:

- What lessons has the Lord taught you through the storms He has brought you through?
- What lessons do you think He is trying to teach you through the tough times you are facing right now?
- Will you claim and apply God's promise in Isaiah 26:3?

***You will keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on You,
because he trusts in You.***