

Storm-Proofing

Mark 4:35-41

“Certainty can be found in uncertain times.”

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation.** But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 ESV)

1. When Jesus says something is going to happen, something is going to happen.

2. Jesus does not ignore the storm, He knows He is stronger than the storm. In His boat and under His care, we can be dauntless.

- a. No storm is going to get in the way of the work of God.
- b. Why tragedies happen is difficult to answer. (John 9:2-5)
 - It is wrong to conclude that every instance of suffering springs immediately from a particular act of sin (cf. Job). Some do (cf. 5:14; 1 Cor. 11:29-30), but some do not (cf. Luke 13:1-5). It is also wrong to conclude that God permits every instance of suffering because He intends to miraculously relieve it.
 - The more important question for us is not where suffering has come from, but what we are to do with it.

3. Save us Lord...are three of the most important words we can possibly say. (Matt 8:23-27)