

TRUSTING JESUS IN EVERY STORM (MK. 6:45-56)
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MAIN IDEA—The storms of life are tools in God's hands that He uses to build our faith and form His Character in us. **MEMORY VERSES**—Jas. 1:2-4.

1. JESUS BROUGHT US HERE (Mark 6:45)—During his earthly ministry Jesus performed many miracles that pointed to Him as the unique Son of God. By this point in Jesus' ministry he had healed the sick, cast out many demons, and even commanded the winds and waves to obey Him (**Mark 4**). Multitudes followed him looking for healing and Jesus moved with compassion, healed and fed them miraculously (**Matt. 14:13-21**). After this event Jesus sent the disciples across the sea and dismissed the crowds. Jesus was directing all of these events as He did His Father's will.

John 6:14-15

PROV. 19:21; Ps. 139:16

Jas. 1:4, 12

2. JESUS IS PRAYING FOR US (Mark 6:46)—While the disciples were out at sea following the Lord's directives, Jesus went to pray and commune with His Heavenly Father. Even during His earthly life and ministry Jesus frequently spent time praying before, during, and after ministry times. This time was no different, as Jesus communed with the Father and prayed for the disciples and future ministry.

Heb. 4:14-16

Rom.8:34

3. JESUS WILL COME TO US (Mark 6:47-50)—The disciples were sent out at sea during the early evening and had been rowing into the night. While at sea a heavy storm developed to the point that their boat was being slammed by the winds and waves. They were alone without the Lord's physical presence and their situation seemed bleak.

Ps.139:1-4

I AM (YAHWEH) is the covenant name God used to reveal Himself to Moses before he delivered Israel from Egypt (**EX. 3:14**). Here Christ revealed as the disciples Savior who will deliver Israel from their storm.

Is.43:1-2

Mt. 14:28-31

4. JESUS WILL HELP US GROW (Matt. 14:28-31)—Here we see the purpose of the storm. This event happened under God's sovereign care in order to grow the disciple's faith in Jesus. This was preparation for the time when Jesus would leave them after dying on the cross and they would have to trust in His promises and the power of His Spirit as they faced future storms of life.

Gal. 2:20 ; Matt. 6:28-30

*Focusing on the storm of our circumstances leads to worry and doubt which will sink us. Yet looking to Christ in the storm will grow us and honor Jesus.

Rom. 10:8-13

*Our trials are God's tools to grow us in Christ character, in greater faith, and in deeper worship of Jesus (**Rom.8:28-29**).

Mt.14:33

5. JESUS WILL SEE US THROUGH (Mark 6:51-52)—Peter and the disciples began to learn that Jesus is greater than their circumstances and He would see them through. They failed to understand the miracle of feeding the 5000 due to hard hearts (**V52**). Yet this event brought them to a place of deeper worship, understanding, and love for Christ (**Mt.14:33**).

Jn.6:21

Warren Wiersbe (1929-2019)—*Did these people know that He had come through a storm to meet their needs? Do we remember that He endured the storm of judgment to save our souls (Ps.42:7)? He endured the storm for us that we might never face the judgment of God. We ought to imitate the disciples, bow at His feet, and acknowledge that He is King of kings and Lord of lords!*

The Sovereignty of God is God's rule over all things in His creation (the storm, the sea, the disciples etc.).

The Perseverance of the Saints is the Biblical teaching stating that every true Christian will persevere in trusting Jesus until the end of their life on earth because God's power keeps them to them to the end (**Jn.6:39-40**)