

## **Take Courage! Jesus Is Bigger than the Storm**

Let's see what God's Word has to say!

### **Read Mark 4:35-41**

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

### **Read Matthew 8:18, 23-34**

18 When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. 23 Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. 27 The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

### **Additional Verses:**

- Matthew 14:27 (NIV) - Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
- Mark 6:50 (NIV) - Immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
- 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
- Joshua 1:9 (NLT) - This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
- John 16:33 (NIV) - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

More on back!

**Connect the points below to the verses in Mark 4:35-41 and Matthew 8:18-34.** Suggest additional Scripture that can be used as a cross-reference for support. Pick one from the additional verses above or add one of your own

1. We often encounter storms of seismic proportions.
2. Storms reveal our fears and insecurities.
3. Storms can make us question God's purposes and character.
4. Storms can also reveal God's true character.
5. Jesus is bigger than any storm you will ever face.

6 Revelations from the Storm...

1. Storms reveal our fears and doubts.
2. Storms reveal our vision or what we're looking at.
3. Storms reveal Christ's faithfulness.
4. Storms reveal Christ's power and authority.
5. Storms reveal Christ's divinity.

**Ask the following questions as they relate to the points above.**

1. What stands out to you? Which point or verse speaks to you the most? Why?
2. Elaborate on each point. What does the Bible tell us about each point? For example, what does "storms of seismic proportion" mean?
3. How does this apply to your life? Suggest one way you can put this into practice today.
4. What is one big takeaway from this lesson? What insights did you gain? Summarize what you learned in a sentence or two.
5. Pick one of the sentences from the summary below and suggest a practical way you will apply this.

Jesus said, "Let us go over to the other side." The disciples doubted. Storms reveal a very simple truth: that we are but mere humans, and that He alone is God! Take courage! The One who brings calm to the stormy sea can bring calm to your stormy life. The One who orders the cosmos also orders the disordered human heart.

**Reference links:** [Mark 4:35-41](#); [Matthew 8:18-34](#); [Matthew 14:27](#); [Mark 6:50](#); [2 Timothy 1:7](#); [Joshua 1:9](#); [John 16:33](#) [SPANISH]

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