

"Sensing God During the Storm" *Part 1*

Today's Scripture: Matthew 14:22-32

⌘ I have found, whether I like it or not, that the "storms of life" reveal the following things about us:

1. The _____ of my _____.
2. The _____ of my _____.
3. The _____ of my _____.
4. The _____ of my _____.
5. The _____ of my _____.

⌘ For today, I want to focus on #5... "The measure of my teachability"!

⌘ The first thing I have discovered in being teachable is that _____
has _____!

⌘ Jesus put it this way: Matthew 5:45b...

"He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." (NIV)

⌘ So just because you and I are _____ doesn't mean that we are going to be excluded from the storms of life.

⌘ Some facts regarding our Christian life and storms...

⌘ Some storms come because we are "_____ " of God's will!

1st Example · Story of _____!

* He deliberately _____ God's will.

* _____ brought a great wind while he was on a boat.

2nd Example · Paul writing in 1 Corinthians 11:30 regarding _____.

3rd Example · Acts 5 – Ananias and Sapphira – they _____!

∞ Some storms come and we are “_____” God’s will!

★ Our scripture today is Example #1...

“Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side...”
Matthew 14:22 (NIV)

Jesus instructed them to get _____ the boat...and they _____!

They are “in” the boat, exactly where Jesus wanted them to be, and it is the “_____ of their _____”.

★ Example #2...the Story of _____!

Everything happened to Job. He had the worst of days, weeks; but he _____!

In the Old Testament, _____ was sold by his brothers – but Joseph had not done anything wrong!

⌘ What does Jesus do for us in the storms we face, and what can we learn? In the storms of life...

∞ Jesus is _____ for us! (v. 23)

“After He dismissed them, Jesus went upon a mountainside by Himself to pray.”

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• Take Note...
• Jesus came to this world to _____ to _____
• about God, and now He is in heaven _____ to _____
• _____ about _____!
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* Hebrews 4:14 states this fact; Jesus is our great high priest. The role of the high priest was to represent the _____ to God. Jesus pleads our case before God – He is our _____!

∞ Jesus _____ to us! (v. 25)

“During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.”

* During the storms of our life, Jesus is not aloof, but He _____ our storm.

⌘ Three things I’ve learned...

1. He keeps His _____ on us!

(Note: Malachi refers to the Lord as a _____!)

2. He comes to us at the _____, “...during the fourth watch...”; and when He arrives, He knows _____ what we need. He is never too early; He is never too late!

3. He comes to us, _____ over our greatest _____.

* What were the disciples afraid of in the boat? The high waves – they thought they would drown, and Jesus comes walking on their _____!

∞ In the middle of the storm, Jesus will take over, and _____ to _____! (vs. 26-27)

“When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. ‘It’s a ghost,’ they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’”

* He ministers to us in spite of our _____ of the situation.

* He ministers to us in _____ of our _____.

* He ministers to us when we are _____ in our _____.

⌘ Final Thought...

∞ _____ in the Bible does it say that you and I are going to know everything. When we are in the storms, we must come to the point in our life

when we can't figure it out – to realize it is not necessarily that we are in disconnect with God. Paul states it this way in 1 Corinthians 13:12...

“We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist.” (The Message)

“But...” Paul goes on to say....

“But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright. We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing Him directly just as He knows us!” (The Message)

∞ The day is coming when we will see it _____ – praise the Lord!

Paul goes on to say...

“But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation:

1. “_____ steadily in God,”

(Grow in our faith)

2. “_____ unswervingly,”

(Don't give up)

3. “_____ extravagantly,”

(Continue to share God's love)

“...And the best of the three is...

_____!” 1 Corinthians 13:13 (The Message)

(Unconditionally)

My Statement of Faith in the “Battle” and in the “Storms of Life”...

1. I'm believing God!
2. God is who He says He is!
3. God can do what He says He can do!
4. I am who God says I am!
5. I can do all things through Christ!
6. God's Word is alive and active in me!

7. I'm trusting God above all else!

...*For*...

8. I'm believing God!