



**Series: Storms**  
**Sleeping in the Storm**  
**Read Mark 4:35-41**  
**Speaker: Pastor Jeff Bucknam**

Check out the sermon here: <https://northview.org/sleeping-in-the-storm/>

**A Note from Pastor Dan:** Hello! Welcome to our sermon reflection. This is intended for you to spend time reflecting upon the weekend teaching of God's Word. So, it's important to have watched or listened to the message from the previous weekend. In the coming weeks, I would encourage you to use one of our Sermon Guides as you watch/listen to the sermon in order to keep focused and to note important information. As you work through this lesson, feel free to ask your parents any questions and include them in your observations.

**\*\*Quotes from Jeff's sermon will be outlined in this colour.**

**Opening ILLUSTRATION:**

- Frightening story of Jeff being on a boat with his family & his father being genuinely frightened.

**Connecting Point:**

- Number 1 of 4 in a series which shows God revealing himself through events
- This story teaches us about God
- This story teaches us about who we are

**Point #1 Jesus leads into the storm**

- Following Jesus is not guarantee for a peaceful life, Rather it means that He will often lead us into the storm

**Mark 4:35-37 (NIV)**

**Jesus Calms the Storm**

*<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were*

also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall (Greek: a hurricane) came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.



The Ancient Galilee Boat, also known as the Jesus Boat, is an ancient fishing boat from the 1st century AD, discovered in 1986 on the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee in Israel.

- Jesus has been teaching on the shore of Galilee, but the crowds are pushing him out, so he has to get in a boat.
- The Sea of Galilee is known for its storms. Massive waves can come up to 3 meters high!
- Jeff references the story of Jonah and how the sailors were crying out to their gods while Jonah was asleep below. The difference here is that Jonah had spurned God's word & had attempted to flee from the word of God.
- But in our story today the disciples are in the storm because they had followed the Word (Jesus)
- **Point:** Jesus never promises his followers an easy journey with favorable winds, He often leads us into the storm.
- People don't like to think that Jesus leads us through storms, but rather that He is a nice cuddly guy.
- Too often we think that it's God's "job" to steer us away from difficulties.

### Point #2 We respond badly

#### Mark 4:38 (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> 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?"

- The disciples are angry because they feel that Jesus doesn't care about them.
- Jeff told story about how his son, Micah, was not well when he was young & Jeff would call out to God for help.

### Point#3 He has power over the storm

#### Mark 4:39 (NIV)

<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

- Important point: Jesus does not appeal to a higher power than himself to make this happen. He does not voice a prayer.
- This is important because the only one that has power over nature in the Bible is God himself.

**Psalm 89:9 (NIV)**

*<sup>9</sup> You rule over the surging sea;  
when its waves mount up, you still them.*

**Psalm 107:23-30 (NIV)**

*<sup>23</sup> Some went out on the sea in ships;  
they were merchants on the mighty waters.  
<sup>24</sup> They saw the works of the Lord,  
his wonderful deeds in the deep.  
<sup>25</sup> For he spoke and stirred up a tempest  
that lifted high the waves.  
<sup>26</sup> They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;  
in their peril their courage melted away.  
<sup>27</sup> They reeled and staggered like drunkards;  
they were at their wits' end.  
<sup>28</sup> Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he brought them out of their distress.  
<sup>29</sup> He stilled the storm to a whisper;  
the waves of the sea<sup>[a]</sup> were hushed.  
<sup>30</sup> They were glad when it grew calm,  
and he guided them to their desired haven.*

- Jesus has the authority of God, because He is God
- The disciples fear was due to a theological error
- They did not truly think of Jesus as God.
- Most of our fears are theological errors.
- When we worry about God's abilities or whether He actually cares for us, we misunderstand who He is.
- Don't doubt God's presence because when there are storms in life

**Point#4 We can trust God in the storm**

**Mark 4:40-41 (NIV)**

*<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"  
<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"*

- Jesus' disciples have witnessed him healing with just a word & yet they still question who He is!
- Examples of Jesus' healing in Mark with a word or touch:
  - Mark 1:29-31
  - Mark 1:40-42
  - Mark 2:10-12

- Note: At the end of this passage the disciples still have fear.
- We need to put our trust in the “greater power”. We have the “greatest power” in our boat
- *“Don’t tell God how big your storm is, tell your storm how big your God is”*

**Reflection**

We are all feeling overwhelmed at this time. Take some time and write a prayer to our Heavenly Father thanking Him for His goodness & care for us and ask Him for strength as we go through the current “storm”.

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