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Jesus asked over 100-recorded questions in the gospels.

- With spiritual doubts – Why do you doubt?
- In a storm – Why are you so afraid?
- Need a miracle – Do you believe I can do this?
- Ongoing challenge – Do you want to be well?

Jesus teaching all day from a boat: His pulpit is about to become an illustration.

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!” **Mark 4:35-41 (NIV11)**

Sea of Galilee is 680 feet below sea level. Surrounded by hills. It’s common for storm to come out of nowhere.

Life with Jesus – Blind sided by a storm!

2 Things to Remember When You’re In The Storm

1. You’re in the storm with His _____

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If God was with me, I wouldn’t be going thru all this?

Having Jesus in the boat doesn’t mean the storm is not going to _____ you, it’s not going to _____ you.

He is with you – _____
 Studies show – single people live longer
 if something is living in the house.

How are you doing this? I’m not doing this by myself.

**Never let the presence of a storm
cause you to doubt the presence of God.**

His strength...His grace...His power...His presence...

God is my refuge he is my strength, my ever-present help
 in trouble. **Psalms 46:1**

Never will my God leave me – never will he forsake
 me. **Hebrews 13:5**

Though I walk through the valley you are with me.
Psalm 23

2. You're in the storm for His _____.

Jesus was the one who said – “Let’s go to the other side.” Going into the storm was _____.

- They didn’t experience the storm because they were out of God’s will
- They experienced a storm that was in God’s will.

You’re saying God caused my storm – maybe – maybe not

Can’t tell you if God caused it or allowed it – but he always uses it.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **James 1:2-4 (NIV2011)**

- Faith is not in the bank – but in the one who’s in the boat.
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Teacher – we’re going to drown!

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The fear of the storm

_____ was replaced by the fear of the Lord.
Why are you so afraid?

In the storm: with his presence – for his purpose

My hope is not in the boat
My soul is anchored in the Lord.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Invite Jesus into my life as Savior and Lord.
- Tell others of the storms God has seen me through.
- Plug into a ministry to help others _____
- Meditate on and/or memorize James 1:2-4