

# Even Stranger Things

Part 02

## Intro

1. We've been talking about things that are weird and out of the ordinary.

*And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!" - Luke 5:26*

- a. Faith is the key to seeing things we've never seen before
- b. We need to be willing to put our faith into action.
- c. We'll look at another story from the Bible today.

### Read: Mark 4:35-41

2. The disciples were totally mind-blown by Jesus' response to the storm, and the outcome of the storm.

*The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" - Mark 4:41*

3. Storms usually mean something bad is about to hit eg. *When Will kept flipping back into the Upside Down in S2E3, he saw storms.*
  - a. Represent difficult situations or times in our lives
  - b. No one likes them
  - c. They can cause hurt and pain
4. Today we'll talk about what it means to have the kind of peace that Jesus had in the storm.

## I. Storms Can Wet You, But They Don't Have To Sink You

*But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. - Mark 4:37*

**A. We will all face storms in life.**

*God doesn't promise a problem-free life.*

**B. We can either come out of the storm or get shipwrecked by storm.** *Storms can fill us with fear and cause us to lose peace.*

*Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked. - 1 Tim 1:19*

**C. Our response in the storm matters.**

*Even though they were afraid, to their credit, the disciples turned to Jesus.*

**II. Who You're With In The Storm Matters More Than The Size Of The Storm**

*When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" - Mark 4:39-40*

*Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. - Psalms 23:4*

**A. Fear usually comes from a lack or loss of control.**

- i. Fear is the absence of peace.
- ii. When everything is under control, it feels peaceful.
- iii. When we are not in control, we don't feel peace.  
*Eg. Will freaking out when he involuntarily flips into the upside down.*
- iv. The storm was more than what the disciples could control, and so they were in fear.

**B. Fear and faith are incompatible.**

*Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith? - Mark 4:40*

**C. We can have faith when we are being led through the storm.**

*As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." - Mark 4:35*

- i. Disciples ended up in the storm while being led by Jesus' instructions. *Didn't necessarily have to sail across, could've walked.*
- ii. Jesus didn't lead them to avoid the storm, He led them through it.
- iii. We need to allow God to lead us, even if it means going through some storms.

**D. The one who is leading you through the storm has authority over the storm.**

*"Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" - Mark 4:41*

- i. You can speak to your storm because you know who you're with. *Eg. TFW you walk around with someone who's the boss of the place.*
- ii. If we don't allow Jesus to lead us in the storm, we're on our own. *Eg. Will tried to tell the mindflayer to go away, but he got owned because he had no authority - needed Jesus with him.*

### III. Peace In The Storm Demonstrates The Reality Of Who You're With

*So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed).*  
- Mark 4:36

#### A. The other boats that followed witnessed Jesus' power for themselves.

*Would've experienced the storm and see it get calmed.*

#### B. There is a purpose in our storm.

*When God leads us through a storm, it is to demonstrate His reality to us and those around us.*

#### C. Peace comes from a fresh revelation of who God is in the middle of the storm.

*"Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" - Mark 4:41*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*  
- John 14:27

*Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. **12** And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. **13** When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.*

- 1 Kings 19:11-13

## **Conclusion**

We are called to have a peace in the middle of storms that won't make sense to people. But people will be able to tell how real God is based on our response to storms.

## **Salvation Call**

You can experience the peace of God today, if you make a decision to respond to Him.

## **Ministry Time (in the seats)**

1. Receive a new level of faith, a new revelation of who God is, and what he is able to do.
2. Speak supernatural peace into every difficult situation.
  - Pray especially for exams.