

Even Stranger Things Part Two

Turning To Jesus During Storms

Introduction

Read: Mark 4:35-41

1. Strange things happen around us more often than we think! We hear stories of crazy miracles happening all around us.
2. In the story we just read, the disciples were taken aback by the miracle that Jesus had done in the storm!
3. Jesus is a man, but He is also God. He can do incredible things that no one else can!
4. He wants to walk with us through the difficult “storms” in our lives, even when it feels like we are all alone.
5. He will not abandon us, and wants us to give us a peace that no one else can give!
6. In today’s lesson, we will talk about how to turn to Jesus in the midst of storms we may go through.

I. Bring The Problem To Jesus

A. In the midst of the storm, the disciples cried out to Jesus to help them (v38)!

B. Ask ourselves what our first response is when we face problems.
If we know we are not turning to Jesus first, we can start working on turning to Him intentionally!

C. Prepare for the next storm by deciding on your response today.
Don’t wait for a storm to hit before thinking about how you will respond to a problem.

Discuss!

Connect Group Leader to facilitate sharing with the Connect Group members.

- *Ask ourselves: What is our first response to problems? Who do we talk to?*
- *In what ways can we bring our problems to Jesus?*

D. Set a time each day to talk to God and bring our problems to Him.

II. Concentrate On God’s Goodness

A. Jesus was disappointed in the disciples, because they did not trust in Him to help them in the storm (v40).

B. We often freak out when we face storms. Instead, we can recall times when God rescued us from past problems!

“Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again— my Savior and my God! Now I am deeply discouraged, but I will remember you— even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan, from the land of Mount Mizar.”

- Psalm 42:5-6

C. We can also think about Bible verses that remind us of God’s goodness.

The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.

- Exodus 14:14

D. Declare that our God loves us and wants to help us through our storms!

III. Expect God To Move Powerfully

A. The disciples had not expected Jesus to have the power to save them - but Jesus wants us to have faith that He will save us (v40-41)!

B. Ask God to give us faith in His power!

C. In our storms, think of the greatest thing God could do for you. Then dream even bigger!

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

- Ephesians 3:20

D. Commit to helping each other turn to God in the storms by encouraging each other when we face tough times!

Conclusion

1. God wants to give us peace in the midst of the storms we face.
2. We can turn to Him by telling Him our problems, and trusting in His goodness and power.
3. Put our faith into action by declaring God’s goodness and building others up!

Prayer Points:

- Declare that God is good in our lives.
- Ask God to give us faith in His power.
- Commit to turning to Jesus in the storms we face!

**Give opportunities for visitors to receive Christ and members to re-dedicate their lives to Jesus.*