



Silverdale Baptist Church
It's All About Jesus ~ Jesus: The Powerful~
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Big Idea

Storms can come even as we stand in the middle of God's will. Jesus is more powerful than the storms.

Big Questions

How do you respond when the storms of life come?

Getting Started

Tell us about a time when you felt like the circumstances of life were like waves of a storm overwhelming you so that you thought you were about to drown.

Pastor Tony gives us 5 principles to help us better understand storms and how Jesus uses them in our lives.

Learn

1. Storms Can Come Without Warning

*He and His disciples got into a boat, and He told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So they set out. And as they were sailing, He fell asleep. Then, **a fierce windstorm came down on the lake**; they were being swamped and were in danger. (Luke 8:22-23)*

What is the worst storm you have faced that came without warning?

2. Storms Can Come As You Follow Jesus

*He and His disciples got into a boat, and **He told them**, “**Let’s cross over** to the other side of the lake.” So they set out (Luke 8:22)*

Pastor Tony gave us 4 causes of storms.

- We Live In A Fallen World
- Our Sinful Choices
- An Attack By Satan
- A Test From God

Why were the disciples in the storm?

In your most recent struggle, why were you in the storm?

| ASK SOMEONE TO READ JAMES 1:2-4

How should I respond in the middle of the storm?

3. Storms Bring You To An End of Yourself

*Then, a fierce windstorm came down on the lake; they were **being swamped and were in danger**. (Luke 8:23)*

Most of the disciples were experienced fishermen. They knew the lake and how to handle the boat in a storm. But in this storm, their skill and experience failed them.

When has a storm brought you to the place where you had nowhere to turn except to God?

How do you feel knowing God will bring you into a storm you can’t control?

4. Storms May Cause You To Doubt God’s Love

*The disciples woke Him up, shouting, “Teacher, **don’t you care** that we’re going to drown?” (Mark 4:38)*

*He said to them, “Where is your **faith**?” (Luke 8:25)*

| ASK SOMEONE TO READ MARK 4:38.

How does Mark 4:38 shed light on how the disciples felt during the storm?

Have you reached that point of desperation where you doubt the love of God? Tell us about it.

*"We fear too much because we trust God too little" –
Pastor Tony.*

5. Storms Force You To Trust Jesus' Power

*They came and woke Him up, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to die!" Then, He got up and **rebuked the wind and the raging waves**. So they ceased, and there was a **calm**. They were **fearful and amazed**, asking one another, "**Who then is this?** He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey Him!" (Luke 8:25)*

"All things are made through Him." (John 1:3)

"For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth ... all things were created through Him and for Him." (Col. 1:16)

| HAVE SOMEONE READ JOHN 1:3 AND COL. 1:16

Why was Jesus able to calm the storm?

Who can we trust in the middle of the storm?

| HAVE SOMEONE READ PSALM 107:28-30.

Only God controls the storms of life. God will bring us into storms we can't control to show us His love and power. But God also hears our cry when we are in the middle of a storm of our own making. God loves us. And even when we have caused the storm, God shows up, takes us by the hand, and walks through the middle of the storm with us.

Apply

What storms are you facing?

How can we pray for you during the storm?

What has the Holy Spirit shown you this week, and what will you do about it?

Pray

Father, teach us to trust You even in the storms of life. And Lord, help us walk through the storms so that the rest of the world learns about You as they watch.