

Sermon Title: Surviving the Storm**by: Pastor Kent Chevalier**

Scripture: [Mark 4:35-41 ESV] - *“Jesus said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?””*

Jesus reveals more of who he is in the middle of the storm.

Jesus speaks peace into the storm.

We can trust Jesus to calm our storms.

We can trust Jesus to deliver us through our storms.

We must come to Jesus to experience peace.

Know Jesus, Know peace. No Jesus, No peace.

Jesus said, *“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”* (John 16:33)

They came to the other side... (Mark 5:1 ESV)

Life Group Discussion Questions

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WARM-UPS:

1. When a crisis hits suddenly, do you tend to be a "planner" (trying to fix it immediately) or a "panicker"?
2. When have you felt like Jesus was asleep at the rudder, not steering your ship or didn't care about your situation?

DISCUSSION:

1. Verse 35 says Jesus initiated the trip to the other side. How does knowing Jesus led them into the storm change your perspective on trials?
2. How does the disciples' cry, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" expose a universal human struggle with doubt in moments of crisis?
3. Jesus does not panic; He simply says, "Peace! Be still!" (Greek: "Silence! Be muzzled!") What does this tell us about the nature of Jesus?
4. Jesus is the Peace Speaker: He can calm the storm around us, or He can speak peace into our hearts, allowing us to be calm within the storm and when our boat is being swamped. If life's challenges are "storms," what is the most recent "storm" you've faced or are facing (health, financial, emotional, family, relational)? How has Pastor Kent's given you hope for deliverance and that God will bring you through "to the other side" and give you peace.
5. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or inspiring in the sermon today, and what will you do differently as a result? What did the Holy Spirit impress upon you?

IN THE WORD:

- **Jesus' Authority Over Nature & The Divine**
 - Psalm 89:8-9:
 - Psalm 107:23-31
- **Overcoming Fear Through Faith**
 - Psalm 46:1-3
 - Philippians 4:6-7
- **God's Presence in the Midst of the Storm:**
 - Isaiah 43:1-3
 - Psalm 23:4

PRACTICE:

1. Identify one "storm" in your life (an anxiety, a fear, a hard decision). Intentionally take 5 minutes each day to stop trying to fix it yourself, and instead, "invite Jesus into your boat" through prayer, acknowledging that He is in control and with you.
2. Pray this prayer: *"Lord Jesus, thank You that You do not abandon me, even when I feel like I am drowning. I thank You for Your power to calm the storms of my life. When I am tempted to believe that You do not care, remind me of Your love. Give me faith to trust in Your presence rather than panic at my circumstances. Speak "Peace! Be still!" to my anxieties this week. Amen."*