

Mark 4:35-41

- The struggle is real!

- The imperfection of their circumstance was the perfect opportunity for Jesus to demonstrate the fullness of His power.
- We struggle with the balance between knowing and believing that God's got everything under control.
 - Storms always bear an element of uncertainty that calls for greater faith!
 - Jesus has just taught the disciples about God's provision for His people...
...and now, in the sober reality of the storm, they struggle with what this actually means.

"Why are you being cowardly/timid?" (vs 40)

- The disciples' circumstance is bookended between a 'great windstorm' (vs 37) and a 'great calm' (vs 39)...and then they are still filled with a 'great fear' (vs 41) over Jesus' authority.
- The answer to our perishing is constant, even while struggle to hold on.

- Jesus sees what we cannot!

- We cannot mistake God's silent to prayer or plight for any kind of indifference.
- While we get lost in the waves of minutiae, God keeps His focus on the whole picture!
 - Jesus was absolutely concerned about their perishing...
...but He was also looking beyond the brokenness of their bodies.
 - As Jesus is rebuking the wind and commanding the sea to be still...they listen!
 - As fishermen, this wasn't the first or last storm the disciples encountered.
- God's plan for redemption included ALL of creation!

- Peace is more than a feeling!

- This peace that transcends all understanding comes from outside of us...
...in fact it comes ONLY from God!
- When there are worse things than dying/perishing, the imperfect storm becomes the perfect place to know God's grace and hold fast to His life!
- God's peace covers over our fears and calls us to a living faith that never perishes!

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