

Family TableTalk

Conversation 13

The Master of the Storm

read

Mark 4:35-41

think

If we are honest, doesn't it feel like we are in the eye of a storm? Waves of emotions. Waves of fear. Waves of uncertainty. Waves of loneliness. Maybe for some of you it feels like you are sinking. Maybe for others you see this as an opportunity to hit the reset button. Wherever you find yourself, Jesus meets you right where you are.

The Gospels record several encounters Jesus had with people from all walks of life. In these encounters we see who Jesus is, what He has come to do, who we are, and our need of a Savior. In our passage we get a picture of the emotional state of the disciples as the storm clouds form, creating a canopy of darkness all around them, as the waves threaten to destroy the boat. They are overcome with panic, fear, doubt, anxiety. In the midst of their seemingly life-threatening situation, Jesus displays His power by commanding the storm to "be still." At the sound of his voice, the raging seas become smooth like glass. Jesus has the ultimate power over all the storms we encounter in this life, even the one we find ourselves in today.

Jesus never promises we will be free from trouble in this world, but he does promise to always be with us in the midst of trouble. He will never abandon us. He cares for us more than we will ever know. Jesus' sustaining grace will carry us through the storm. Lean into His unchanging love and unshakable joy this day and forevermore.

apply

- What has caused you to be afraid this week?
- How is Jesus meeting you during this time?
- Jesus will never abandon you. How does this truth encourage you?

pray

Father, thank you for providing us with you. Thank you for your unchanging love, and unshakeable joy. As we weather this storm, help us to look to you. Father, uphold us with the power of your word. Incline our hearts to listen to your words that bring comfort and reminds us of truth. Remind us of your presence. Spirit, strengthen us during this time. Abba Father, we need you.

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