

Stormy  
Weather!  
COVID 19  
Mark 4:35-41



## Observations

- There are so many incidences that we encounter in our lives that are not new to the human experience
- These experiences create emotions and behaviors that are not new as well
- One of my jobs, as your minister, is to pair the emotions and temptations that are precipitated by our encounters, with Biblical principles and examples that would suggest how God wants us to handle these experiences and glorify Him in the process; Matthew 5:16
- Ecclesiastes 1:9, *“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.”*

## Mark 4:35-41

- Jesus, while by the seaside that evening, had suggested that He and His disciples cross to the other side of the sea (other smaller boats were with them)
- Apparently, on their way over, a great windstorm arose—to the point that the waves were breaking into their boat, and it began to fill with water
- Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat and the disciples woke Him up, anxiously yelling at Him, *“Teacher, don’t you care that we are about to perish?”*

## Mark 4:35-41

- Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind and waves saying, *“Peace be still!”*
- Then there was a “great calm” (a perfect peacefulness)

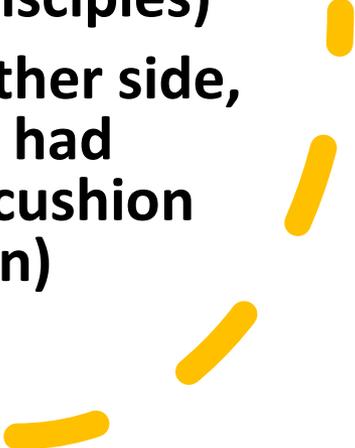
**Mark 4:39 The Amplified Bible**

- Then Jesus asked His disciples, *“Why are you so afraid?”*  
*“Do you have no faith?”*

## Observations

- One question explains the key to this story:  
Whose idea was it to get into the boat in the first place?

**Jesus' idea! Mark 4:35**

- The text in Mark 4, suggests that they had spent all day ministering to the people, and then Jesus suggested that they go to the other side of the sea
  - Crowds came to the shore, listening and learning (it had been a great day for Jesus' ministry and His disciples)
  - As they started out to the other side, the sea was calm, and Jesus had decided to go to sleep on a cushion in the back of the boat (stern)
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## Observations

- As the storm arose, water entered the ship, and the disciples couldn't bail the water out faster than it was coming in
- Nothing in the darkness of night could be more frightening, than being on a sinking ship
- Therefore, the disciples woke Jesus up out of fear, with a question that we've all asked in times of our own desperation, *"Lord, don't you care that we are perishing?"*
- *"Lord, don't you care that we are about to die?"*

Aren't Our  
Questions to  
God Similar?

- ***“Jesus, don’t you care that my child is sick?”***
  - ***“Jesus, don’t you care about my marriage or that I ever get married?”***
  - ***“Jesus, don’t you care that they laid me off?”***
  - ***“Jesus, don’t you care that I have no money?”***
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- *“Jesus, don't you care that my spouse has died?”*
- *“Jesus, don't you care about my medical condition?”*
- *“Jesus, don't you care about COVID 19?”*
- *“Jesus, COVID 19 plus my medical condition equals a bad outcome!”*
- *“Jesus, ARE YOU UP THERE? IS ANYBODY UP THERE?”*

**WE FEEL LIKE OUR PRAYERS ARE  
NOT BEING ANSWERED**



## Observations

- Jesus spoke to the wind and waves commanding them: “Peace, be still!” Then a great calm arose on the sea.
- Now, instead of putting them down and shaming them, He simply asked them a question, *“Have you still no faith?”*
- The question that I want to raise this morning is this one:

How do we get the faith that allows us to handle the storms of life?

Answer: We share our boat with Jesus and ride with Him wherever He wants to go (some boat trips are just for you and Jesus)

Sometimes we need to go through storms to discover our faith, Romans 5:3 *“We glory in tribulation also; knowing that tribulation.....”*

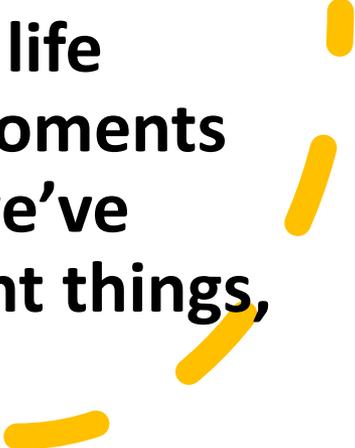
## Facts About Storms!

- Storms are a part of life—some are public, others are private
- Sometimes, others create the storms we are in
- Sometimes, we create the storms that we are in
- Sometimes God allows storms. The Coronavirus did not surprise God; Habakkuk 3:5, *“diseases will I allow and diseases will I conquer.”*
- Therefore, know that when in the boat with Jesus, storms will be a part of the ride; Matthew 7:24-27

## Observations

- **Did Jesus know about the storm in advance?**
- **If so, why didn't He warn them?**

**Answer: It would have ruined the lesson that they needed to learn. They never would have gotten in the boat to sail, knowing that the waters would be treacherous that day.**

- **Therefore, all of us have moments when we feel life crashing down on us, moments of despair even when we've tried to do all of the right things, in all the right ways**
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In Those  
Moments  
We Have  
Two Choices!

1) Choose faith, believing that God is not surprised at what has happened in our lives KNOWING THAT GOOD WILL RESULT,

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”*

Romans 8:28

2) Believe that the Lord has abandoned us and become distant; Hebrews 13:5

Two Things  
to Remember  
When Riding  
in a Boat With  
Jesus!

- 1) The boat will never sink
- 2) The storm won't last forever

**Christianity is Not Like the,  
“Monopoly Game”**

**There are no exemption cards for  
ALL storms in Christ!**

***(Ex. Get Out Of Jail Free)***

**Christians do have to face storms—**

***“How could this happen to me?”***

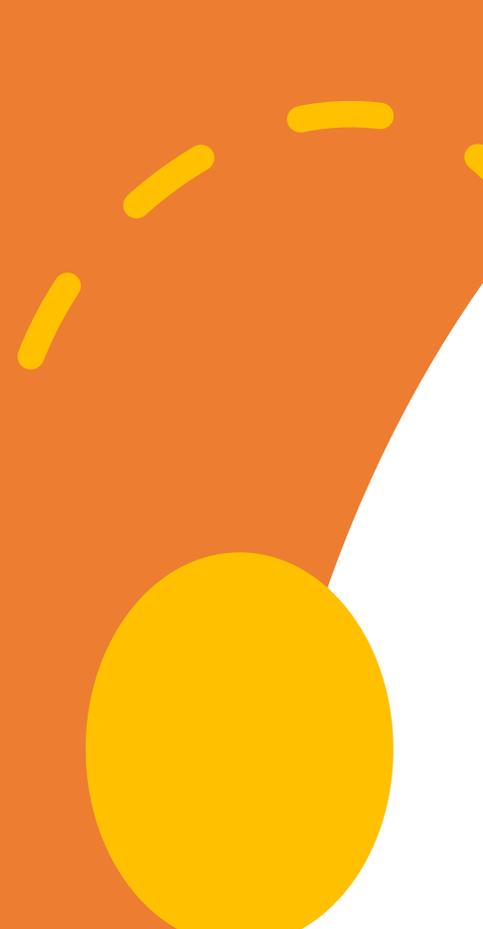
***“I went to church!”***

***“I gave my church dues!,” “I helped  
out in church!”***

***“I’ve been kind to my neighbors!”***







# The Message for the Christian Today is This:

*“Let Jesus Christ in Your Boat  
to Manage the Storms of  
Your Life”*

# The Plan of Salvation

- **Hear the Gospel**  
**Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel**  
**Acts 15:7**
- **Repent of Sins**  
**Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ**  
**Acts 8:37**
- **Be Baptized**  
**Acts 8:38**

