



How to Handle the Storms of Life

John 6:15-24

Sunday, October 10, 2021 AVBC 10:30

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side... (Matthew 14:22)

PRINCIPLE 1- Strengthen your walk with the Lord
_____ the storm hits. (v.15)

PRINCIPLE 2- Storms are sometimes synonymous with the centre of God's _____.

- Sometimes God's will is _____ (v.17)
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PRINCIPLE 3- In the middle of the storm, focus more on Jesus' _____ than on His power

...but when they saw Him walking on the lake, they thought He was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw Him and were terrified. Immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed. (Mark 6:49-51)

It is not the _____ of a storm but Jesus' presence in the middle of the storm that calms our fear and gives us peace.

PRINCIPLE 4- Remember that Jesus can do more in a moment than you can in a _____ (v.21)

Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened. (Mark 6:51,52)

PRINCIPLE 5- Allow the storms of life to _____
your _____ **towards the Lord.**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd. After He had dismissed them, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray." (Matt. 14:22,23)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What do you love about our Canadian weather? What drives you crazy?

Q2: We are encouraged to have an "emergency preparedness kit". Do you have one? What's in it?

Q3: What do you think should be in our spiritual "emergency preparedness kit"? In other words, what should you be proactively doing right now to get your heart and mind ready for a storm that may be just around the next bend?

Q4: Read Jonah's prayer in Jonah 2. In what ways can you relate to what Jonah is describing? What storm principles can you learn from this text?

Q5: What do you think of the following quote?

"Christ did not come to do away with suffering; He did not come to explain it; He came to fill it with His presence." (Paul Claudell)

Q6: Read John 21:3-14. What kinds of thing did the disciples experience because Jesus was present? What difference did He make in their lives?

Q7: What is the Lord saying to you through the lyrics of "We Have An Anchor"?

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain, Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

When our eyes behold through the gath'ring night, The city of gold, our harbor bright,
We shall anchor fast by the heav'nly shore, With the storms all past forevermore.

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.*