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# The Storm Tamer

Mark 4:35-41

June 24, 2018

**Sermon Series:** Mark: Discipleship in the Real World

**The Big Question:** Why are you afraid?

1. There is power in the presence of Jesus.
2. There is power in the Word of Jesus.
3. There is power in the reproof of Jesus.
4. There is power in the cross of Jesus.

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

Date: July 1, 2018

**Mark 4:35-41**

1. Jesus preached all day and then slept through a terrible storm. What are some things that this event in the life of Jesus tell us about Jesus?
2. A relationship with Jesus is no guarantee against the storms of life. Jesus taught the apostles through this storm. How has God taught you in the midst of your storms? How do verses like Psalm 46:1, 1 John 4:4, and James 1:2 encourage you in seasons of struggle and strife?
3. The disciples assumed that they could handle the situation without Jesus, but when they were overwhelmed, they questioned Jesus's love for them. How have you ignored God during struggles in your own life and then questioned his love for you when he didn't intervene?
4. When Jesus rebuked the wind and waves, he used the same words as when he cast out a demon in Mark 1:25, suggesting that this storm was demonic in nature. How have you seen odd coincidences seem to oppose the spread of the gospel? Might these occurrences have been demonic?
5. Read Jesus's rebuke of the storm and his reproof of the disciples. How are the two different? How were the results different?
6. Read Psalm 65:7 and 93:3. According to these verses, who alone can calm the raging sea? What then must we conclude about Jesus based on these verses?
7. There is power in the cross. Why was it impossible for the apostles to fully understand who Jesus was before the cross? How did the cross and resurrection change their understanding?
8. Family verse: Read and memorize Mark 4:41. Talk together about why it is appropriate to develop a fear of the Lord.