LESSONS FROM THE STORM
MARK 4:35-41 / 8-9-20 / AM

I. FIRST, LET’S LEARN SOME LESSONS FROM STORMS.

   A. First, storms are unpredictable.

      1. One minute these disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee and all was well—4:35-36

      2. Suddenly a storm came up seemingly out of nowhere—4:37a.

         4:37a-- A furious squall came up...

   B. Second, storms are unavoidable.

      1. This is a reminder that we don’t have to seek trouble out because it knows where we live.

      2. Trouble certainly sought these disciples out and they were at its mercy—4:37b.

         4:37b--the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

   C. Third, storms are uncontrollable.

      1. The situation these seasoned sailors were in was beyond their control—4:38.

      2. It’s obvious things in our lives today are out of our control.

II. SECOND, LET’S LEARN SOME LESSONS FROM THE SAVIOR.

   A. First, let’s learn that Jesus’ presence is enough when storms are raging.

      1. These disciples tried everything they knew about surviving a storm at sea before they woke up Jesus.
2. Finally, though, they didn’t know what else to do so they woke him up — 4:39a.

   4:39a— He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!”

B. Second, let’s learn that Jesus’ power is enough.

   1. That day Jesus displayed his power over the storm — 4:39b.

      4:39b— Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

   2. Up until that day, Mark’s gospel only recorded Jesus doing miracles of healing.

   3. At this point, Jesus taught his disciples something about faith — 4:40.

C. Third, let’s learn that Jesus’ preeminence is enough.

   1. The disciples learned that Jesus not only has power over disease but also over nature — 4:41.

   2. Have you learned that Jesus has preeminence over all the storms of life—Matt. 28:18.