

Finding Peace in Storms
Mark 4:35-41
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On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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In this text we'll discover five truths about God's plans for modern-day disciples:

1. His plan may be _____. (v. 35)

Here are some reasons why Jesus may have wanted to cross the lake:

- a. To _____ the crowd and get some rest.
 - b. To _____ and _____ the disciples.
 - c. To free a man in _____
 - d. To reach an unreached _____ with the gospel.
2. His plan often includes _____. (v. 37)

My guess is that you're in one of three places today:

- a. You are _____ a storm right now.
- b. You are _____ of a storm.
- c. You're about to _____ one.

And when storms come, they are often:

- a. _____.
 - b. _____.
 - c. _____.
3. His plan comes with His _____. (v. 38)
 4. His plan demonstrates His _____. (v. 39)
 5. His plan always has a _____. (v. 40)

Jesus gives three purposes behind the plans God has for us:

Purpose One: To deal with our _____.

Purpose two: To grow our _____.

Purpose three: To increase our _____.

Let's lift out some life lessons from this passage:

1. Christ _____ for you and can help in your crisis.
2. Christ is in complete _____ of everything.
3. We all must go through _____ to get to the other side.
4. If you're going through a storm you better have _____ in your boat.
5. Make sure that Jesus is _____ your ship.
6. Grow in your _____ of Christ.
7. Jesus won't _____ calm the storm but He will calm you.