

A Shelter in the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

This is the first of four miracles that demonstrate Jesus' comprehensive authority. Jesus has power over nature (4:35-41), demons (5:1-20), disease (5:24-34), and death (5:21-23, 35-43).

After teaching along the Sea of Galilee, Jesus takes the initiative to cross over to the other side with his 12 disciples.

The Sea of Galilee is surrounded by high hills and narrow valleys that function as a wind tunnel. Violent storms can rise without warning. This one threatened to swamp the boat and frightened professional fishermen.

Panic-stricken, the disciples wake Jesus with a reproach. They feel he doesn't care, that he is indifferent to their plight.

Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Peace! Be still!"

Jesus rebuked his disciples for their lack of faith.

The disciples were terrified when they realized who Jesus was and the power he exercised.

Principles to practice

Storms will accompany us on our journey through life.

The presence of a storm doesn't mean the absence of God's care.

Sometimes God calms the storm; sometimes he calms his child.

We need to learn to trust God before the storm arrives.

We need to learn to trust God completely, even if our obedience leads us into a storm.

To enjoy a shelter in the storm, focus on God's promise and his presence