

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. Have you ever been in a storm? What happened?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Mark 4:35-41.
  - What jumps out to you?
  - Compare verse 41 with Matthew 8:27 and Luke 8:25.
  - Why was Jesus in a boat?
3. How many miracles did Jesus do before calming the storm?
  - What were they?
  - Was this a new thing the disciples witnessed in Jesus?
  - Howard Hendricks said, "The size of your God determines the size of everything."
  - What are your thoughts about this quote? Is it true?
4. According to Mark 4:36, there were "other boats" with them.
  - Who's idea was it to go out into the waters?
  - Do you think Jesus knew there would be a storm?
  - What is the significance of this fact?
5. What lake was Jesus on? What do we know about it? What is a "squall" ?
6. The original meaning of "Waves broke over" means, "kept spilling over into."
  - Would this generate anxiety in you?
  - Have you ever felt like waves are coming over into your boat?
  - What types of storms have you faced in your personal life?
7. In Mark 4:39, Jesus "rebuked" the wind and waves. That word means, "ordered". The force of it in the Greek language means, "be muzzled." It's the same word we read in Mark 1:25, "be quiet".
  - Read Mark 1:23-25.
  - Do you find it interesting that Jesus cast out a demon and calmed a storm with the same word?
  - Is it possible there are storms we face that are started by a demon?
  - Share your thoughts.

8. What did Jesus question about the disciples?
  - Compare with Mark 7:18; 8:17-21; 33; and 9:19.
  - What do these verses say about us?
  
9. Please read Psalm 107:23-32. What do you see in these verses?

**Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Sheila Walsh said, "Whether Jesus calms the storm or calms us in the storm, His love is the same, and His grace is enough."
  
- Just because you're in a storm doesn't mean God isn't with you.
  
- Pastor Ruben said, "You can know Jesus and not know Jesus." Think about what these words mean to you.
  
- PRAY FOR SOMEONE...Easter is April 11-12.