"Storms of Life"

Text: MT 8:23-27
• What Job said about life - Job 14:1 - "Man that is born of a woman is of a few days, and full of trouble."

1. The storms of life can come unexpectly, all of sudden, no warning.
Vs. 24 "behold there arose"

The storms of life can be overwhelming - vs. 24 - "ship was covered" with the waves"
• Feel like you are drowning - "going over the edge" - illustration - some going down third time 3 fingers
2. The storms of life can occur even if you are in the perfect will of God.
Notice Notice vs. 23 - the disciples were following Jesus, the Son of God.
They were in his presence. - Just because in will of God doesn't mean you are immune from the storms of life

3. Many times, it seems like our Lord doesn't care about our circumstances.
Notice Vs. 24 "but he was asleep" • Like he doesn't hear our cries, our prayers

4. The Christian "disciples" as a child of God, knows that he can call upon his heavenly Father for help" Notice vs. 25 - "Lord save us: we perish" - see Rom 8:14-15
Notice also, we get God's attention when we pray like we mean business.
"came to him and awoke him" Elijah such a man - See James 5:16-18 - "The effectual - a righteous man - Elijah
"subject to like passion" - flesh & blood like you & I

5. The Lord allows storms in our lives in order to test our faith and strengthen us, get us ready for heaven Notice vs. 26 - "why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith"
• See I Pe 4:12-13 • Job said in Job 23:10

6. Christ is the solution to the storms in our lives. Not the Docs, social worker, Psychiatric Prescription drugs
Notice in vs. 26, He rebuked the winds and the sea.- Also Jesus tells us MT 11:28-30
Not only is he the solution to the storms in our lives but also he gives us great peace. "and there was great calm" Also See Isaiah 26:3 & John 14:27
There wasn't even a ripple on the sea. - It was like a mirror
"stayed" Peace your mind on the Lord
See what Paul says about how to get peace Phil 4:4-8 vs 8 - think on the Lord Jesus Christ

7. God often amazes us in how he takes care of the storms in our lives.
Notice in vs. 27 the disciples marvelled at what the Lord did.

8. We must remember that he controls if we let him - most time we try to take control every aspect of our lives.
The storms of life are subject to him. Vs. 27 - "even the winds and the sea obey him" - We need to walk by faith not sight Amen
We must remember, the Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator of all things.

See Colossians 1:16-17, vs 16 "Preeminence". why don't have peace + calm - because he doesn't have preeminence

• Remember Jesus said "I will never leave thee or forsake thee"
"... lo I am with you alway even until the end of the world."
• But important to have Jesus in the boat - in your vessel.
• If saved Bible says - Col 3:3 - "Your life is hid with Christ in God"
• If not saved - without Christ - Christ not in your the boat -
• Someday - your boat will sink, because didn't let Christ save you
• You will end up in and on another lake, "a lake of fire"