



SEE IT

Mark 4:38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"³⁹ When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.⁴⁰ Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

OBEY IT

A while back, a pretty nasty storm griped the south. Storms come in all shapes and sizes to our lives:

- A cancer diagnosis.
- A breakup in a family.
- A habit that leads to a bad choice that leads to a negative consequence.
- A lack of _____.

Storms do three things.

- 1. Storms reveal what you think about Jesus.** The disciples thought Jesus didn't care. We do the same sometimes. We blame Him for the bad that happens and attribute the good to talent or good luck.
- 2. Storms reveal who is really in control.** We are not. He is.
- 3. Storms reveal the power of Jesus.** He calmed their storm. He can calm yours.

There are people around you who are in the midst of storms. People that would otherwise not be interested in spiritual things are more open in the middle of a crisis. You may be able to share this thought with them.

SHARE IT

1. Introduce yourself to someone you always see around.
2. Anonymously send a friend in need some cash.
3. Invite someone who is alone over for dinner.

My Prayer Today:

Help me Father, to see with your eyes the people around me that are in the midst of a storm and provide support and guidance through your Holy Spirit and your peace. Amen

My Thoughts _____



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Mathew 16:16 To what can I compare this generation? It is like children playing a game in the public square. They complain to their friends,¹⁷ 'We played wedding songs, and you didn't dance, so we played funeral songs, and you didn't mourn.'¹⁸ For John didn't spend his time eating and drinking, and you say, 'He's possessed by a demon.'¹⁹ The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!' But wisdom is shown to be right by its results."

OBEY IT

If you serve people, you will surely be criticized. In fact, if you are intentional and persistent in reaching the ones God misses the most, you will suffer a case of friendly fire. The Pharisees criticized Jesus and found Him "guilty by association". But as Andy Stanley reminds us, "If Jesus feared guilt by association, he would have stayed in heaven." When you are criticized remember these three principles:

- 1. People that always complain are like children.** If you listen to them you are in reality letting kids rule your life. Do you really want that?
- 2. No matter what Jesus did, people always criticized.** So go ahead and be the person God is calling you to be. You will be happier, healthier and at the end more satisfied.
- 3. Results will show the truth.** Mathew 16:19 says the "wisdom is shown by results" This means: let your results talk for themselves, DON'T DEFEND YOURSELF TO PEOPLE. Stop living your life based on others opinions.

SHARE IT

1. Leave some extra stamps at the post office for the next costumer.
2. Donate an hour of your professional services.
3. Leave chocolate for your co-worker.

My Prayer Today:

Lord, help me be the person you called me to be, regardless of opposition, criticism or gossip. Amen.

My Thoughts _____
