

June 24, 2018
“When A Storm Is Raging”
(Mark 4:35-41)

The Sea of Galilee is more than _____ feet below sea level. It is _____ miles long and _____ miles wide. It is _____ feet deep.

Many of us have asked “Teacher, don’t you care?” at some time in our lives, and Jesus seems to be _____.

Some observations:

#1. – Everybody goes through _____ at some time or another.

William Cowper: “*God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform; He plants His _____ in the sea, and rides upon the storm.*”

According to recent statistics nearly _____ Americans kill themselves in overt acts of suicide.

Another _____ attempt to take their own lives.

Our greatest danger is not the _____ conditions that make up our environment but the storms that rage _____.

If there is a _____ rolling around on the inside of our lives, we can be in mortal danger.

#2. – Sometimes during the _____ part of the storm Jesus seems to be asleep.

All of us can look back over our lives and see a series of _____ prayers, but it’s all forgotten when we encounter a truly _____ situation.

We wonder: Why is God so present a commander in our time of _____ and so very absent a help in times of _____?

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Psalm 121:3-8 – “...he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, not the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

#3. – The story in Mark’s Gospel is an _____ - yes, Jesus does _____!

When the waters threaten to _____ you, he does care!

Jesus speaks to the wind and waves, and says, “_____.”

The central question in life is not how _____ storms we encounter. The question is whether we have _____ for the storms!

All of us will encounter _____. At times it will seem that God has _____ us. It is at such times that our faith will be _____.

- Do you believe in a God who loves you and has promised never to forsake you?
- Do you believe that, however dark the clouds may be, behind those clouds, the sun still shines?
- Do you believe that beyond every cross, there is an empty tomb?
- If you do, you can weather the storm, however severe!

If you do not, today is the day to appropriate that faith for yourself!