

Jesus Walks on Water (John 6:15-21)

I. Introduction

- A. Storms of life happen when least expected
- B. Everyone experiences storms
 - 1. (1 Peter 4:12)
 - 2. Who do you turn to for comfort?
- C. God uses storms to grow our faith
 - 1. (Hebrews 12:6)
 - 2. The disciples go through a storm in John 6
 - a. (John 6:15-21)

II. Storms Come Unexpectedly

- A. Storms come from familiarity
 - 1. Disciples knew the Sea of Galilee
 - 2. Been through storms before – this was different
 - a. Fighting the storm for 12 hours
- B. Storms come despite obedience
 - 1. Jesus commanded disciples into boat
 - a. (Mark 6:45)
 - 2. God sends us into storms so He can help us through

III. Jesus Acts Faithfully

- A. Faithfully does not mean immediately
 - 1. Our timing is as soon as the storm hits
 - 2. God's perfect timing is not always our timing
 - a. (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- B. Faithfully does not mean forcibly
 - 1. Jesus helped after they "willingly received" Him
 - 2. Jesus is ready to help but you must ask
 - a. (Psalm 50:15)

C. Faithfully does not mean predictably

- 1. The Disciples did not expect Jesus to walk on water
- 2. Jesus' help does not always come in ways we expect

IV. Storms End Eventually

- A. It is hard to see past the present difficulty
 - 1. Hardship seems like it lasts forever
- B. Even the worst storms come to an end
 - 1. David wrote about passing 'through' a storm
 - a. (Psalm 23:4)
 - b. (Psalm 30:5)

V. Closing

- A. Every person deals with hardship
 - 1. (Acts 14:22)
 - 2. Understand storms come unexpectedly
 - 3. Trust Jesus to act faithfully
 - a. Ask Him for help
 - 4. Remember every storm passes
- B. God will carry you through the storm