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Facing Storms

You will face storms in life. You can be certain of that. How you face a storm will harm or help you. What do you mean by that? **You have seen others that were either made bitter or better by the storms of life. You have seen others either grow or shrivel up in their faith as a result of the trials they have gone through. You have seen others either draw near or distance themselves from me in times of trouble. You have seen others rely on themselves or on me when they have been in great need.** Yes, I have seen all these possibilities in others. I have seen all these potentialities in myself. **Then you have been watching. You have been learning. You have been growing.**

These possibilities and potentialities all come about as a result of choices that you will make when you are in the storms of life. Storms and trials and difficulties will always pose questions that you must answer. What questions must I answer? **You tell me. I want you to hear what questions you have answered and what you have learned.** There are a lot of questions that I have been forced to answer as I have gone through storms, trials and difficulties. I **have plenty of time. I'm listening.** Do you want me to list them? **Yes, I do.** Here goes. **I'm ready.** Will I draw near to you when I go through trials? Will I ask for your help when I go through storms? Will I rely on your strength when I face difficulties? Will my faith grow stronger as I place all my trust in you? Will I hold on to you as you hold on to me? Will I have faith that you are with me to help me even if I can't perceive it at the time? Will I look to see how you are accomplishing good even through the most difficult storms, trials and difficulties in my life? Will I look back to see how you have been with me through storms and trials and difficulties of every kind? Will I ask you to help me to come to know you better through whatever storm, trial or difficulty life throws at me? **That is quite a list. How do you want to answer all of these questions?** "Yes I will", that is the only answer I want to give to each one of these questions. Only you can give me the wisdom and strength to say, "yes I will", to each one of these questions. **Is this your prayer?** Yes, it is. **This is a prayer that I will certainly hear and answer.**

Lord, you have never left me. You have always been with me in the storms of life. Thank you for taking my worst storms and using them to accomplish something good in my life. Help me to know you better and receive your peace and calm in every storm. Amen

Knowing God*Who Is This*

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

NIV

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Is This Man?*

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the water, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

NLT

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Then Is This*

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

NRSV

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Then Is This*

And He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Hush now! Be still (muzzled)! And the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its beating) and there was [immediately] a great calm (a perfect peacefulness). He said to them, Why are you so timid and fearful? How is it that you have no faith (no firmly relying trust)? And they were filled with great awe and feared exceedingly and said one to another, Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?

AMP

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Then Is This*

And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

NASB

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Then Is This*

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ESV

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Can This Be*

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

NKJV

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Is This, Anyway?*

Awake now, he told the wind to pipe down and said to the sea, "Quiet! Settle down!" The wind ran out of breath; the sea became smooth as glass. Jesus reprimanded the disciples: "Why are you such cowards? Don't you have any faith at all?" They were in absolute awe, staggered. "Who is this, anyway?" they asked. "Wind and sea at his beck and call!"

MSG

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Is This Man*

Then he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet down!" And the wind fell, and there was a great calm! And he asked them, "Why were you so fearful? Don't you even yet have confidence in me?" And they were filled with awe and said among themselves, "Who is this man, that even the winds and seas obey him?"

TLB

Mark 4:39-41

Knowing God*Who Is This*

Jesus stood up and commanded the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind stopped, and it became completely calm. Jesus said to his followers, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" The followers were very afraid and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

NCV

Mark 4:39-41

Who Then Is This

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Knowing God – Mark 4:39-41

In Context: *Read Mark 4*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, you have never left me. You have always been with me in the storms of life. Thank you for taking my worst storms and using them to accomplish something good in my life. Help me to know you better and receive your peace and calm in every storm. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you felt like you were sinking and going to drown in a sudden storm of trials?

When have you cried out and asked God to calm a sudden storm of life that came upon you?

When has God brought His supernatural peace and calm into a stormy season of your life?

How have you been able to look back and recognize that God has been with you in the storms of life?

How has your faith in God grown as you have gone through a storm in life with Him?

How have you come to know God better as you have gone through storms in life with Him?

How has God been able to use even the worst of trials to accomplish something good in your life?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Have faith in God and rely on Him so you can come to know Him better as you go through storms in life.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will come to know God even better as you go through storms in life with Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you have come to know God better through a storm in life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you have faith to believe that Jesus Christ will calm the storms in your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I believe and have faith that you can and will calm the storms in my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you reveal yourself to me as I go through storms in life?
