

In Season and Out of Season

(Series of 4 Miracles)

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Storms are simply part of life. They come without warning. They do not respect or distinguish based on the status of people. Similarly, "storms" or problems and trials are inevitable and stressful. When God allows us to undergo various forms of storms, He does not seek to kill us; rather, He wants us to learn from them. Moreover, no matter how strong the storm, He will be with us and He will calm the storm.



The apostles had two storm encounters with Jesus:

1. Jesus walked on water (Mathew 14: 22-33).

Jesus went up the mountain to pray, while He made the disciples get into the boat to precede Him to the other side. When the boat was being tossed by the waves and the wind, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea.

1.1. **Jesus was APART from the disciples.** Even when He was away, He was praying for them. As a matter of faith, we know that He is always with us. Let us believe "*Yahweh, I know You are here, standing at my side.*"

1.2. **Jesus is AWARE of what we are going through.** Our storms do not escape His attention. When trials come, let us have faith. His promises will make us strong.

1.3. **He APPEARS during the storm, and it ceases.** Jesus shows up in our lives, and all the storms will cease.

2. Jesus was sleeping in the stern (Mark 4: 35-41).

Jesus was sleeping on a cushion, exhausted. The disciples woke Him because they were panicking over the strong wind and waves.

2.1. **"Quiet. Be still"** Jesus rebuked the wind. Instantly, the wind died down. Notably, the disciples had been following Him and had been witnesses to His wondrous deeds; and

yet, they lacked faith. During a storm, we should ask for one thing: "*Lord, save me.*"

2.2. **Time of the storms.** The storms came after great miracles. The same is true in our lives. All who follow God will be targeted by satan. When we are at our highest condition, satan attacks and pulls us down. When we are being good (bringing people to God, serving well, or given big responsibilities), then we are vulnerable to satan's attack. Hence, we need to be careful.

2.3. **The trouble with storms.** We cannot affect the intensity, direction, duration of the storm. Only God has control. God is pleased when we continue having faith amidst our trials. He will not give us anything we cannot handle. He works on the 11th hour.

2.4. **Season of testing (Mark 4: 45-52).** The disciples thought the storms were out of season. Jesus constrained them to get into the boat again. They went through long testing and heavy trials as the Lord was preparing them to be the leaders of the church. Similarly, the God of all grace will be testing our character. He wants our character to be perfect, strong, and firm. Unless we realize the lesson, we will be repeatedly tested.

3. Many lessons from storms:

3.1. The disciples did not pray. They themselves failed the test. They did not revisit in their minds their conversations with the Lord.

3.2. Storms will give us the opportunity to grow. They will draw us to another world.

3.3. They can bring us closer to others. We can share the lessons or comfort others in the way the Lord comforts us.

3.4. When God is using us, these are opportunities to glorify God.

Conclusion: Storms will surely come. However, let us have the faith that there is a Savior who will bring us peace that transcends our understanding.

Reflection: What did you notice during the storms? What have you learned from your storms?

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