

Seeing Grace in a Storm

Spring Green Community Church

Sermon Notes – March 15, 2020

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Mark 6:45-51

Story Time

They were amazed

The wind stopped

Jesus climbs into the boat

Jesus says “I am here”

Jesus is walking on the water

Jesus sees the disciples are in serious trouble

Jesus is praying

Jesus makes the disciples get in the boat

Uncomfortable Grace

“God will take you where you haven’t intended to go in order to produce in you what you could not achieve on your own.”

Paul Tripp

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Mark 6:51b-52

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Study Questions – Mark 6:45-51

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1. What stood out to you, challenged you, or encouraged you from Sunday's sermon and/or service?

2. Read all three accounts of this incident (John 6:16-21; Matt 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-51). Talk about the similarities and differences between the accounts. How do you account for the differences?

3. How do we know that Jesus intended for the disciples to go through this storm? Why did they need this experience?

4. It wasn't so much the storm that frightened the disciples, what was it? Why would the sight of Jesus terrify them?

5. What are some reasons people often miss God's presence and lesson in their storms? Talk about some real-life examples.

6. When Jesus got into the boat with the apostles, the wind ceased, and they were *"totally amazed, for they did not understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in."* (6:51–52). What did they not understand, and what got in the way of their ability to comprehend?

7. Jesus says to the disciples "Don't be afraid, Take courage! I am here!" or literally "I am." (also see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 41:4,10; Isaiah 43:10,11,25; Isaiah 48:12) In what situations do you most need to take these words to heart?

8. What have you personally learned about Christ through a difficult season in life?