

Stormology

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MARK 4:35-41

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

Guest Speaker: Layo Leiva



Layo and Luchy Leiva, originally from El Salvador, have served as full-time staff with Campus Crusade for over 35 years. Their first love

is to help plant movements of spiritual multiplication among the leaders of Latin America and the Caribbean.

In April of 2010, Layo and Luchy were appointed as team leaders for the Latin America and the Caribbean Leadership Team. Together with six other couples, they provide direction for 363 staff in 26 countries of the region.

Their goal is to help build movements of spiritual multiplication among present and future leaders in the key urban centers of this continent.

Layo and Luchy currently reside in San Jose, Costa Rica where the Latin America & Caribbean headquarters are located. They have 3 grown sons: Hector, Daniel and Andres. The youngest, Andres, currently is attending the University of Florida in Gainesville.

CLBC has been long-time supporters of the Leiva family, going as far back as Layo's parents in the early 1970's.

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Mark 4:35-41 (NIV)

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.”

³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? (Interpretation)

1. What were Jesus and the disciples doing in that boat?
2. Whose fault was it that this group was placed in a dangerous situation?
3. What was the disciples initial reaction to this terrible storm?
4. How did their response to Jesus change when he rebuked the storm? Why?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me? (Application)

1. Why is control a myth, an illusion?
2. Why is obeying God not a guarantee that things will always be OK?
3. Why would Jesus sometimes lead us into storms?
4. How do most people react when caught in the middle of a bad storm?
5. Briefly share a personal story of how your faith was strengthened during a recent storm.
6. Why are storms good for my faith?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES