

GOD IS BIG ENOUGH

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TO SEE US THROUGH THE STORMS
MARK 4:35-41

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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.

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① EXAMINE His Word

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

Read Mark 4:35-41

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?

1. Why does God allow difficult situations and dangerous circumstances to occur in our lives?

2. Was Jesus trying to teach anything by sleeping during the storm?

3. Why did Jesus rebuke them for their fear during the storm?

4. What were the lessons Jesus was seeking to teach the disciples and us?

5. Was this storm meant to prepare/train the Disciples for anything?

6. How does this story teach us about God's sovereignty?

7. Does this story speak to any issue that's happening in your life presently?

8. Has God ever brought you through a storm in your life?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

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

Sermon Notes
