

### **Believe - John 6:16-25**

Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 and after getting into a boat, they *started to* cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea *began to* be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. 19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. 20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

#### **Four things we should do in response to life's storms:**

##### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ God**

John 20:31 These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 17:3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Exodus 3:13-14 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.

John 6:20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

##### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ God**

John 6:16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea.

Mark 6:45-46 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. 46 After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

Charles Stanley: "Obey God and leave all the consequences to Him."

##### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ God**

John 6:19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.

Mark 6:48 Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea...

- This story presents two options. Two choices.
- Try harder or trust God.
- Our victory in the storm has nothing to do with us and everything to do with Christ.

- Matthew 14:28-31 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

John 6:21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Matthew 14:32-33 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

Psalms 34:1 I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.