

# The Other Side of the Storm



(Mark 4:35–41) 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!”

## What happens after the \_\_\_\_\_?

(Matthew 2:13) When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

(Acts 7:9–14) “Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him {10} and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace. {11} “Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our fathers could not find food. {12} When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers on their first visit. {13} On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph’s family. {14} After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all.

(James 1:2–4) Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, {3} because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. {4} Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

## Storms are not just obstacles, they can be \_\_\_\_\_

(Mark 16:15) He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

(Acts 1:4–14) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. {5} For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” {6} So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” {7} He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. {8} But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea

and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” {9} After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. {10} They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. {11} “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” {12} Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. {13} When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. {14} They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

(Acts 2:1–4) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. {2} Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. {3} They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. {4} All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

(Acts 2:42–47) They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. {43} Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. {44} All the believers were together and had everything in common. {45} Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. {46} Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, {47} praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

(Acts 7:54–60, 8:1-8) When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. {55} But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. {56} “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” {57} At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, {58} dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. {59} While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” {60} Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep. {1} And Saul was there, giving approval to his death. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. {2} Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. {3} But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison. {4} Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. {5} Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. {6} When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. {7} With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. {8} So there was great joy in that city.

## **Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ on the other side**

(1 Peter 1:6–7) In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. {7} These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

## **The other side always has \_\_\_\_\_**

(Acts 19:11–16) God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, {12} so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. {13} Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.”

{14} Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. {15} One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?” {16} Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

(1 Peter 4:12–13) Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. {13} But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

(Genesis 50:15–21) When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?” {16} So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died: {17} ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept. {18} His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said. {19} But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? {20} You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. {21} So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

## **Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your storm**

(Deuteronomy 8:1–8) Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. {2} Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. {3} He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. {4} Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. {5} Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. {6} Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. {7} For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; {8} a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey;

## **What's \_\_\_\_\_ on the other side of your storm?**

(Romans 8:28–30) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. {29} For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. {30} And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.