



Gary Inrig – The Miracles (Storm Lessons)

Read the Chapter in Advance of the Weekly Study. Make a Mental Note or Jot Down Something That Stood Out To You – and “Why? (Something strike you - strange – new or different?)”

Week 6 – Read Chapter Six - “Storm Lessons” – Stilling The Storm” -

This Week - Read – Mark 4:35-5:1

***Leader NOTE:** Before beginning it is always good to see if there are any immediate prayer needs among the group and be sure to include within opening prayer. Remind all too that ... *“What we say here stays here” so there is freedom in sharing – we are all learning from each other and from the Holy Spirit together – “Iron sharpens Iron” (Proverbs 27:17)*

Opening Prayer: Lord – God ...bless our time tonight and these discussions – let us learn from Your Living Word – Help us to see Your Deity and authority over every circumstance of life in this Miracle – Holy Spirit speak to our group tonight – show us what You want us to see and let us hear what You have for us individually to hear! We pray this in Jesus name!

Overview: We see in this Bible passage - Jesus calming the storm on Lake Galilee. (Mark Chapter 4) Gary points out that storms are inevitable in life, and come in various forms—medical diagnoses, financial crises, relational breakdowns, or unexpected tragedies. What might be shocking to some is that storms often arrive ... even when we're obeying Jesus, and they serve as divine classrooms where God teaches us lessons, we cannot learn any other way. Our greatest danger isn't the storm - but a lack of trust. Through the disciples' experience, we learn that Jesus possesses supreme authority over every – thing – including nature. Jesus demonstrates His divine power and sufficiency not here in this miracle – but throughout scripture. Always remember - that If the Lord is in your boat, - you **ARE going to** - “get through any storm” and reach the other side. Though perhaps not in the way we think or expect. If we allow it to though - the storm can transform us and deepen our faith in who Jesus Christ truly is. **God!**

- **Storms are inevitable** - They come to everyone, regardless of location, circumstance or status.
- **Storms come even to Christians** – God doesn't exempt us from trials.
- **Storms teach us** - We are not in control – they show us our limitations & expose our self-reliance.
- **Storms forge our faith** - They increase our understanding of Jesus & deepen our trust.
- **Storms won't keep us from** - God's destination, we will arrive - perhaps differently than expected.

*“When you pass through the waters, I [will be] with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire,
you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.” - Isaiah 43:2*

Read together – Mark 4:35-5:1



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What's the most intense storm (weather-related) you've ever experienced? How did you feel during it? Did you wonder if you'd make it through?

2. Gary points out that the disciples were in the storm because they were obeying Jesus. How does this challenge the notion that the storms in our lives are always the result of sin or disobedience?

3. The disciples' first response was to blame Jesus: *"Don't you care that we are perishing?"* Why do we tend to question God's care? What does this say about our view of God?

4. Gary quotes ... V. Raymond Edmund – who is credited with saying: *"Never doubt in the dark what God has showed you in the light."* What does this mean to you? What has God revealed to you about Himself in the past that you need to remember in your current circumstances?

5. The disciples asked, *"What kind of person is this?"* Has your understanding of Jesus grown through difficult seasons? How? (If comfortable - share a time when a trial revealed something surprising within - as it relates to Christ's character in you. *(Think the Fruit of the Spirit. (Love – Joy – Peace Patience – Kindness Goodness Faithfulness Gentleness Self Control?)* Has that fruit come through? - Or did it reveal a different type of Fruit – Fruit of the Flesh? That He convicted you of. (Anger- Fear – Arguing, Jealousy, Selfishness, Division, Disbelief, etc.)



Things to Do this Week - Try to Put At Least One Into Practice

Reframe The Storm- Identify one current difficulty in your life, instead of asking "Why Me?" – are you able to ask - "What is God trying to teach me through this?" -Journal your thoughts on.

Storm Prep.- Just as when – we hear of a Blizzard coming or Heavy winds and tree limbs down – power outages – we prepare ahead of time, etc. Can you “Pre”- prepare spiritually? - Memorize one verse today about God's faithfulness or power (some suggestions: Psalm 107:28-31, Isaiah 43:2, Romans 8:28, Proverbs 3:5&6)

Encourage Another In a Storm- Think of someone you know - currently facing a difficult situation, reach out to them this week with practical help, for prayer, encouragement or just a comforting emoji.

*Closing Prayer: (this prayer is only a suggestion - please pray your own as the Holy Spirit leads) –
Note: If there are any needs that have arisen during the study tonight – lift these up - especially.*

- **Dear Lord** – Thank You for this time together and Your teaching – we lift all here and those we know not here that are facing storms – any type of difficulty ... Thank You Lord that You hear the cries of our hearts – and that You are sovereign over all things and we are not hidden from Your sight – may You continue to build our faith and trust in Your guidance...may we always remember that when we are in Your boat – Jesus – we are going to make it through! -We thank You and praise You - in Jesus name amen!