



# Calvary of Albuquerque

What Storm Goers Need to Know - John 6:15-21

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## MESSAGE SUMMARY

Have you ever been on the ocean in a raging storm? If so, you know that a well-trained crew follows an immediate protocol until the storm is over. Their knowledge and experience about violent weather are invaluable for those who want to survive. Using the story of Jesus walking on the waves to His disciples, let's discover a few things about the stormy trials of life.

## OUTLINE

- I. Weather is Unpredictable (vv. 14-15)
- II. God's the Captain; You're Just Crew (v. 16)
- III. Resources Will be Provided (vv. 17-20)
  - A. He Knows
  - B. He Prays
  - C. He Comes
- IV. The Sky will Clear (v. 21)



Making it More than a Sermon:

1. As a child, what was your greatest fear? Why? How does it affect you now?
2. What power does Jesus demonstrate for His disciples? How have you seen these same resources in your own experience?
3. Jesus had just performed an incredible miracle—the feeding of the 5,000. What had these disciples forgotten about that miracle that might have helped them in this storm? What do you sometimes forget about Jesus that might help you in tough situations?

## DETAILED NOTES

Adversity causes some to break and others to break records. The disciples were experienced fisherman encountering a storm different from any other they had ever faced. The spiritual corollary is the storms of life or trials. Everyone experiences the winds of adversity, the waves of worry, the darkness of isolation, and the fear that accompanies the storm. James said to count it all joy when you fall into various trials (James 1:2). Trials can be big or small; emotional, physical or spiritual; brief or enduring. We can navigate these storms and have peace in the midst of them.

- I. Weather is Unpredictable (vv. 14-15)
  - A. Boat ride was unexpected
    1. Jesus' popularity at its peak
    2. Jesus came down the mountain to get away from the crowd and to accompany disciples to the boat
  - B. Storm arose suddenly
    1. Circumstances change suddenly
    2. Plans change
      - a. Paul - Acts 27:14
      - b. Job - Job 1:19
  - C. This is not unusual, this is life
    1. Man makes plans, God changes them - Jewish Proverb
    2. Rain falls on the righteous and the unrighteous - Matthew 5:45
    3. Even Paul despaired of life - 2 Corinthians 1:8
- II. God's the Captain; You're Just Crew (v. 16)
  - A. Jesus made (constrained, compelled, urged) them get into the boat - Mark 6:45
    1. They didn't want to go
    2. Before this, they were the captains
  - B. God brings them into the storm - Psalm 107:25

1. Not because of disobedience
2. Not because they were out of God's will
3. They were in the center of God's will
4. When Israel left Egypt
  - a. God deliberately put them in a trap
  - b. God has resources we know nothing about
  - c. God can get you out of impossible situations
5. The most hard hearted, unlovely Christians are those who have never had much trouble; the most Christ-like are those with the most affliction - C. H. Spurgeon

C. You can make plans; God has editing rights

### III. Resources Will be Provided (vv. 17-20)

#### A. He Knows

1. He saw them from the mountain - Mark 6:47
2. I can't see God, but He sees me - Job 23:8-10
3. God knows everything - Luke 12:7; Psalm 56:8; Jeremiah 29:11

#### B. He Prays - Mark 6:46

1. Jesus departed to pray
2. Jesus prays for the disciples John 17:6-9
3. Jesus prays for us - Hebrews 7:25

#### C. He Comes

1. Jesus came in the fourth watch
  - a. The disciples had been in the storm for hours
  - b. He came when they were weary and exhausted
2. Jesus walked on the water; He came to them on the very thing they feared the most

### IV. The Sky will Clear (v. 21)

1. There is a season for storms - 1 Peter 1:6
  - a. The storm won't last forever
  - b. God knows when to end them
2. No time is wasted in the trial
3. Watch your attitude during a storm - Hebrews 12:5
4. When God is done working on us, we'll be headed to heaven
5. The disciples willingly received Jesus into the boat

**Figures Referenced:** C. H. Spurgeon; Corrie Ten Boom

**Cross References:** Job 1:19; Job 23:8-10; Psalm 56:8; Psalm 107:25; Jeremiah 29:11; Matthew 5:45; Mark 6:45; Mark 6:46; Mark 6:47; Luke 12:7; John 17:6-9; 2 Corinthians 1:8; Acts 27:14; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 12:5; James 1:2; 1 Peter 1:6