THE STORMS OF LIFE

John 6:14-21, Mark 6:45-52, Matthew 14:22-33

(vv.15-16)

*Immediately Jesus made His disciples **get into the boat and go ahead** of Him to the other side Mark 6:45-46*

The Disciples will find themselves in this storm because they _____ (v.18)

The last time they were in a storm:

Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Mark 4:38

Observations about the Storms of Life:

In storms we can't see _____ (v.17)

...about the fourth watch Mark 6:48

Doing our best, but nothing is _____ , and it feels like we are _____

...straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the.... Mark 6:47-48

It feels like we are taking a _____ and at times it looks like we are _____

But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. Matthew 14:24

Worst of all, we think God should have _____ in our situation _____ (v.17)

The Lesson of the Storm: Before God does a work _____ me He does a work ____ me

The Reality: They were never _____

... and He (Jesus) was alone on the land. Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, ... Mark 6:47-48

(vv.19-20)

He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. 49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; 50 for they all saw Him and were terrified. Mark 6:48-50 (Cried out: anakrazo - to scream up aloud)

(v.20)

*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?" Matthew 14:28-31*

In the midst of the storm Peter is called to take his greatest _____

The best reason to get out of the boat is because that's _____

In the storm we learn that survival comes from keeping our focus on _____ not _____

Good News: When God calls us to step out and trust Him, He _____ us even if we don't get it _____

For Disciples: Sometimes we _____ and sometimes we _____

...for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, Mark 6:52

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

God has a way of using the storms of life to get us to exactly _____ (v.21)