

GROWING THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE

Matthew 14:22-36

Jesus therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force, to make him king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself. John 6:15 (WEB)

12 baskets a _____ of what God _____ (v.20)

The Disciples will find themselves in this storm because they _____ (v.24)

The sea began to be stirred up because a strong (Megas) wind was blowing. John 6:18-19

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

In storms we can't _____ (v.25)

...in the fourth watch (v.25)

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 _____

It was dark now, and Jesus had not yet come to them. John 6:17 (NCV)

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.25-26)

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.27)

...and immediately Jesus spake to them, saying, 'Be of good courage, I am [he], be not afraid.' Matthew 14:27 (YLT)

In the midst of the storm Peter is called to take his greatest _____ (vv.28-29)

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 _____ (v.30)

Good News: When God calls us to step out and trust Him, He _____ us even if we don't get it _____ (v.31)

(vv.32-33)

Insight and understanding comes _____

For Disciples: Sometimes we _____ and sometimes we _____

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

God has a way of using the storms of life to get us to exactly _____

Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going. John 6:21 (NKJV)