

“CHRIST STILLING THE STORM”

Mark 4:35-41

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Main Theme: Faith is the Confidence in Christ as able and willing to act suitably to the occasion.

Introduction

A. John Piper: "We are living in a time when the fragile form of this world is *felt*."

B. General observations on the text.

I. Christ Stilling the Storm

A. The troubles which so distressed the disciples were the Lord's doing.

B. The troubles which so frightened the disciples posed no real danger to them with Christ present with them as he was.

- C. The troubles which so distressed the disciples were primarily opportunities for Christ to manifest himself and reveal his glory among his people.

II. The Wisdom of Scottish Theologian Thomas Boston

A. Thomas Boston's last sermon:

- i. Title: "The Crook in the Lot"

- ii. Text: Ecclesiastes 7:13 - *"Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked?"*

Conclusion/Application

- A. If God could straighten out something as crooked as the cross, then surely he can be trusted to do something with the crook in our lot.

- i. The testimony of James Montgomery Boice: "If God does something in your life, would you change it?"

- B. The Lord encourages us by sometimes "rebuking" us.