

# God of the Storms

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**Sermon in a Sentence:** We serve a God who is WITH us IN the storm and has the power to calm the storm in your life.

**Summary:** We are all either in a storm, headed into a storm, or coming out of a storm. These storms are not punishment or negligence on God's part, sometimes He even leads us into the storm. When those storms come, we can take comfort knowing that Jesus is with us in the boat, and that He has the power to calm the storms in our life.

*NOTE: This lesson gets pretty deep right away. Consider spending a little extra time in the icebreaker section before going into the lesson. Also, it would be good to have a copy of the sermon notes handy for reference.*

**Ice Breaker Questions (Choose one or do them all, everyone answers):**

- If you had to eat one meal everyday for the rest of your life what would it be?
- What would your dream house be like?

**Diving In:**

- How do you respond when things don't go your way? Do you resist change or go with the flow?
- How do you handle tragedy in life?

**Read Mark 4: 30-34**

- What do we notice about the mustard seed?
- What happens to it over time?
- How is this like the kingdom of God?

It can be hard to wait for things to grow, but the kingdom is worth it.

### **Going Deeper:**

#### **Read Mark 4: 35-41**

- **What was Jesus doing during the night?**
- Jesus led them into the storm.
  - **Why would God lead us into storms?** We all want a testimony, but none of us want a test!
  - **Going through storms builds our relationship with God. How?**
- Jesus is with them in the storm
  - **Tell about a time in your life when you knew God was with you in the storm.**
  - **What would you say to someone else who is going through a hard time?**
- Jesus can calm the storms in your life
  - **Read Philippians 4: 4-7**
  - **When you go through a storm, what are you supposed to do?**
  - Notice how Jesus talks to the disciples. He doesn't rebuke them, but He does speak to their reaction. **Have you ever struggled to trust God in a tough time?**
  - Don't let shame keep you from God's presence!
  - **Talk about a time when God brought you through or calmed a storm in your life.**

**How can we pray for you?**