

## NOT-SO-PERFECT-STORMS

(Jonah 1; Lk 8:22-25; Matt 14:22-33; Acts 27)

### When life seems out of control, remember God is still in control

A look at *storms*...

#### Four storms on the sea of life:

1. Jonah 1 – A storm custom-made by God
2. Luke 8:22-25 – Asleep at the helm
3. Matthew 14:22-33 – Is God AWOL?
4. Acts 27 – Who's in charge here?

#### Lessons to Remember (In case of storm, open and apply as needed)

- We all live in a fallen, “storm-prone” world
- Check your compass (the Word). Make sure you are headed in the right direction
- God is never unaware, inactive, or absent in our storms
- God will enable and provide through storms. He is in control
- Jesus promised to be with us as we travel on our trip to the “other side”
- There are usually things we can do to lighten the ship. Do them
- There is not always a miracle to *end* the storm; the miracle may be what *results* from the storm
- One reason He allows storms is to increase our “little” faith
- God brings good results out of bad storms
- It ain't easy...

A Final Reflection: *Stand By Me* (Tennessee Ernie Ford)