

## THE VALUE OF STORMS

(Mark 4:35-41)

### STORMS REVEAL WHAT'S CONCEALED

#### Storms reveal us

- Our anger     *“Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”*
- Our fear       *“Why are you so afraid?”*
- Our faith      *“Do you still have no faith?”*

#### Storms reveal God

- His peace     *“Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion”*
- His power     *“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm”*
- His identity   *“They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”*

*What’s being revealed by the storms in your life?*

## QUOTES OF NOTE

Situations don’t make you or break you, they reveal you. (Dr. Henry Brandt, physician, author)

When we are busy, yet wondering if our busyness means anything to anyone, we easily feel used, manipulated, and exploited.... We begin to see ourselves as victims pushed around and made to do all sorts of things by people who do not really take us seriously as human beings. Then an inner anger starts to develop, an anger which in time settles into our hearts as an always fretting companion. Our hot anger gradually becomes cold anger. This ‘frozen anger’ is the resentment which has such a poisoning effect. (Henri Nouwen, *Making All Things New*)

Consider how much more you often suffer from your anger and grief, than from those very things for which you are angry and grieved. (Marcus Antonius, Roman orator)

Neither a man nor a crowd nor a nation can be trusted to act humanely or to think sanely under the influence of a great fear. (Bertrand Russell, philosopher, Nobel laureate)

You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you. It is easy to say you believe a rope to be strong and sound as long as you are merely using it to cord a box. But suppose you had to hang by that rope over a precipice. Wouldn't you then first discover how much you really trusted it? (C. S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*)

You can out-distance that which is running after you, but not what is running inside you. (Rwandan proverb)

You’ll never know that God is all you need until God is all you’ve got. (Rick Warren, *The Purpose-Driven Life*)

People are like stained glass windows; they sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light within. (Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, psychiatrist, author)