

A STILLER OF STORMS

Mark 4:35–5:43

Each week, read the entire passage before you begin. Record the verses where you find your answers.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: MARK 4:35-41—THE STORM OF NATURE

1. What does this brief account reveal about:
 - a. Jesus, the man?

 - b. Jesus, the Son of God?

 - c. the disciples?
2. Why do you think these experienced fishermen panicked and needed to awaken a teacher regarding a storm at sea?
3. What spiritual principle(s) does this “living parable” teach you?
4. Identify a current “storm” or fear in your life to which you can apply this principle. What steps could you take this week to exercise your faith in the “Stiller of storms?”

DAY 2: MARK 5:1-20—THE STORM OF DEMONS

5. What can you learn from this account about the nature, activity, and capabilities of demons?
6. Consider and comment on the changes that Jesus’ presence and power effected in this man’s life: physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, and social.
7. From 5:15-17, how do those who witnessed and/or heard about this miracle react? Why?

DAY 3: MARK 5:21-43—THE STORM OF ILLNESS

8. What phrases describe the “storm” this woman has encountered?
9. Why does she approach Jesus?

10. Describe Jesus' reaction to His unintentional contact with this woman.

DAY 4: MARK 5:21-43—THE STORM OF DEATH

11. In what condition is Jairus' daughter when Jairus first approached Jesus, and when Jesus arrived at Jairus' home?

12. How does the people's assessment of the little girl's condition differ from Jesus' assessment?

DAY 5: MARK 4:35-5:43—GOD'S POWER AND OUR FAITH

13. According to these passages from Mark, what does Jesus have power over?
 - a. 4:39

 - b. 5:8, 15

 - c. 5:29

 - d. 5:42

14. As you reflect on the miracles in week's study, what relationship do you see between God's power and human faith?

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. Life's storms come in many forms, like those we read of this week. Did you notice the sensitivity with which Jesus treated the persons involved? He did not demand the same level or expression of faith from everyone. He seemed to treat each one with tender compassion as He addressed the stormy circumstances in their lives with authority and power.

You may be dealing with a personal "storm," feeling that your faith is inadequate. You may feel hesitant to "shake Jesus awake," as the disciples did, or shout at Him as the demoniac did. Maybe your approach is a quiet, hopeful touch of the hem of His garment. Or perhaps it will take the faith of someone who loves you, as Jairus loved his daughter, to unleash the power of God in your life. What would you like to ask the "Stiller of storms" to touch in your life? Will you do that right now?