

Jesus' Way of Caring

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Mark 4:35-41

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Introduction: This week UPC's Pastor of Care Aaron Williams is preaching a message drawn from the account of Jesus' interactions with His disciples in the midst of a great storm. As we navigate the unpredictable things that come upon us, it is good to be reminded that we follow a God who joins us in the storm and, unlike us, can do something about the both storm and the way we ride it out.

Prayer: Jesus, we are often baffled by how you work in the world. Help us to see how you care more clearly through our study of your word. Amen

Review: What anxieties did you bring to God this week? How did He help you to step forward this week?

Read: Mark 4:35-41

Discussion:

1. What is the immediate danger in this passage? What are the disciples afraid of? What accusation do they make when they finally awaken Jesus?
2. What does Jesus care about in this situation? What is the long-term danger that the disciples are facing?
3. This encounter leaves the disciples wondering about Jesus. What do you wonder about as you face the unknown dangers of our times?
4. How does this sign that Jesus gives his disciples help their faith grow? What might this power over wind and the waves remind them of in Israel's history? See Genesis 7:11-12, 8:1; Exodus 14:24; 1 Kings 17:1,18:43-46, 1 Kings 19:11-12; Psalm 107:23-30
5. How does Jesus' care for you influence how you care for others?

Application: Ask God about how he is caring for you. Bring your real questions. Look for what you are gaining in your storm.

Prayer: Father, you care for us in many ways. Help us to receive your care and to give it out again to others. Amen