

MASTER THE TEMPEST IS RAGING

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: Mark 4:35-41.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Whenever we are overpowered by life's tragedies, our hearts cry out for help.
2. Jesus' disciples were no different in many ways to us today.

C. The text is obviously the basis for the song just sung.

1. The cry of these disciples amid a raging storm is understandable.
2. Even as close as they were to Christ, we identify with their desperation.

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE OBSERVE...

I. WE ALL FACE STORMS IN LIFE (Mark 4:37).

A. This storm was more than normal on the Sea of Galilee.

1. The storm was identified as a Megas storm. **MEGAS** – violent, mighty, strong.
2. Matthew calls the storm **SEISMOS** (from which we obtain our seismograph).
3. Mark's word - **LAILAPSE** – a hurricane, to which he adds the word megas.
4. This violent storm caused the boat to be filled to the brim!!!

B. This kind of storm could have brought great tragedy!

C. Tragedies can consume us, so we sing, Master the tempest is raging.

1. Like the apostles, storms **come upon us even when we are** close to Christ.
2. Storms come in various forms: sickness, death, family turmoil, disabilities, etc.
3. Church storms can disrupt good works (division, false teachers, strife, anti-isms, or liberalism).

D. Storms often are the result of sin.

1. Those who pursue the pleasures of sin eventually find themselves tossed and tormented on stormy sea of life.
2. **Isa. 57:20-21** describes the condition of a soul desperately in the clutch of sin.
 - 1) We can be the slaves of sin (**Rom. 6:17**).
 - 2) Thus, we need a rescuer to save us from drowning in sin (**Rom. 7:24**).

II. LOUD CRIES ARE OFTEN HEARD DUE TO LIFE'S STORMS.

A. Mark & Luke indicate that all in the ship abruptly awoke Jesus!!!

1. Like a mother awakened to the cry of a child in the middle of night, Jesus heard their cry.
2. Lord, save us; we are perishing: "... Master, carest thou not that we perish?"

B. Some of us have sensed the same desperation.

1. Song expresses the cry of a soul in distress in the 2nd stanza.
2. The Bible describes such: **Ps. 69:2-4**; **Ps. 6:6-9**. To cry out is normal.

C. We cry out at physical perils! – But do we cry out at spiritual perils?

III. GENUINE CALM CAN BE FOUND DURING & AFTER THE STORM (Mark 4:39).

A. Jesus spoke and brought calm to the raging storm.

1. Peace = to muzzle, or to stop the ability to speak.
2. Storm ceased = same as **1 Pet. 4:1** ceased from sin.

B. Jesus can calm the storms we face today (John 14:27; Phil. 4:7)

C. Storms diminish when Christ is present (Heb. 13:5; Rom. 5:1; Isa. 41:10).

IV. CONCLUSION.

A. Are we being tossed about by a storm in your life?

B. Trust in Him who can carry you through.