

Be Still

Let Jesus Calm Your Storms

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to God...the *perfect author* of my life. My greatest joy is just in "knowing" You. Thank you for teaching me to "*Be Still.*" Most of all, thank you for loving me enough to use my life according to *Your* purposes.

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Preface

I would like to take a moment to explain exactly how this book was inspired and why I believe it can deeply change your life.

As a born again Christian, I began asking God to give my life purpose and fill me in a way that the world could not. I needed something that was eternal and meaningful. And well, God answered me. I believe that God has always had a plan for me, yet it was only when I finally reached out to Him that He revealed His purpose for my life. God began to show me all of the “spiritual gifts” that He had given to me. He gave me insight as to how all of my life experiences had strengthened and developed those gifts.

You see, I have always been a good listener. For some reason, people have always felt more than comfortable revealing their most intimate problems in their lives to me. I never understood why complete strangers would open up and express their deepest pains and “storms” of life, while looking to me for some type of answer. Many times, I found myself overwhelmed with empathy, yet filled with sorrow because I was unable to provide answers or even point them in the right direction. When God finally revealed His plan for my life, I began to see the whole picture come together. God had a vision for my life... and it was in my moment of surrender that He gave me eyes to see.

God began to teach me how critical Scripture is to our lives; His Word has become the very breath that gives me life. His plan for me was to lead others to Jesus by

simply providing them with Scriptures that would speak directly to their circumstances. It is in receiving God's grace that we can live with confident hope—it is His Word that gives us the faith we need to receive that grace. It really is the Truth that sets us free and fills us with hope. His Word produces a faith in us that will never fail.

And so, to make a long story short, God revealed "ScriptureNow.com" to me. I can honestly tell you that it has been the greatest blessing in my life and in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in over 30 countries around the world. I can't imagine one day of my life going by without reaching out and sharing the Word of God to people in this way! And God did all of this in the midst of my raging storms of life.

This is where "Be Still" took on its purpose...as I have read the countless prayer requests through ScriptureNow.com, God spoke to me and showed me the miracle of "Jesus Calms the Storm" in a whole new light. This miracle goes to the heart of every single situation that we face in life, and I believe God filled me with the wisdom and insight to be able to write this book for you.

I hope that this book touches your heart and speaks to you through its message. I pray that you will always draw close to God, so that He can comfort, encourage, and rescue you through all of life's storms. I pray that you will also visit me at <http://www.ScriptureNow.com> and experience a great blessing in your life!

Testimonies from ScriptureNow.com

Oh, what a blessing... I am so thankful to God that I found your website. God speaks to me through you.

*Thank you for your Scriptures,
they seem to always come on time.*

Thank you! It's amazing how the Scriptures have gone in line with what I am dealing with!!

*Thank you so much for your never ending help in my life.
The Scriptures were helpful, powerful, and effective in my life.*

*You have helped save my life.
My crisis is over and God gave me a miracle!*

God bless you mightily for your compassionate ministry.

I don't know how you knew, but this Scripture was exactly what I needed. Thank you!!!

Thank you. This is what I needed to hear!

*Thank you for all of your prayers and love over this year
and for being a safe place to call out to.*

I can't tell you just how much the daily Scriptures have blessed my heart.

You know, before I found out about ScriptureNow.com, I was not lost, but not headed in the right direction.

I will never be able to express the power I have experienced in the Scriptures that you send.

You will never fully understand how God has used your website to turn my life around and get me moving in the right direction.

I had lost all hope until I found your website, and now I am filled with a hope I have never felt before.

The nine Scriptures that you sent have given me nine days of strength. I had never experienced God speaking to me until now. Thank you for using His Word to help me hear Him.

I look so forward to receiving your Daily Scripture. It just seems as though God is speaking right through it!

You will never quite understand the impact your Ministry is having.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and your concerns. I don't think I could have coped with the pressures I have found myself under if it would not have been for your caring and sending me Scripture and prayer. I now know that I will overcome through Christ!

May God richly bless you for the work you are doing for Him.

*I 'm wondering if this is really God's email...
the Scriptures you send speak so directly to me...
that it must be.*

Introduction

The Storm

Do you feel as though you're in a raging storm? Storms of life flood your spirit with disillusionment, despair, and disappointment. The consuming waves of a storm in life can submerge your soul with agonizing fear. When you're in a storm of life, it feels as though each breath might be your last. The ongoing destruction from the storm forces you to cling to anything and everything, in the hopes of somehow surviving it all. As the storm continues to rage, you suddenly realize that there's no lifeboat—there's no quick escape. You're on your own. Usually, very quickly, the terror sets in; with it comes despair and hopelessness. The desperation that overcomes you, suddenly, becomes more than you can withstand. As the end seems to be drawing nearer, with each moment that passes, all you can do is stand by and watch it all unfold.

Our storms of life bring us to the point where we realize that we have nowhere to go, but to God. In a moment of overwhelming desperation, when we finally do call out to Him, we suddenly realize that

our relationship with Him has grown cold. Through our cries for help, without stable ground to stand on, it's anger that takes over and we shout, "*Lord, don't you care?*"

We've all been there, at one time or another. If you haven't experienced a storm in your life, then Praise God; but, get ready because Jesus assured us,

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."
(John 16:33 NLT)

The Controversy of the Miracle

The miracle of "Jesus Calms the Storm" has been called one of the most controversial miracles that Jesus performed. Even today, we witness those who are pronounced dead...receive life again, blind who against all odds see, illnesses that are cured without explanation, and tragic accidents where miraculously people survive. We witness miracles every day and realize that they are from the power of something far greater than what we can comprehend.

Yet, even in the face of such miracles, we allow human reasoning to get the best of us. Doubt, more often than not, wins out. We end up walking by sight,

instead of by faith. So, we wrestle with our faith, just as the Disciples did on the Sea of Galilee. The battle begins... *within*. How do we accept someone controlling the wind and the waves in a violent storm? Even if we want to believe, this kind of miracle pushes our faith a little farther than we'd like. This kind of faith presses us beyond our comfort zone.

We like to keep God in a box. We're comfortable with Him in some things in our lives, but not others. We're content in keeping Him where we've put Him... allowing Him out of the box is just too risky—we're not sure what to expect from Him. We're not convinced He'll do things the *way* they should be done or in the *timing* that they should be done. We believe that it's possible for Him to heal someone we're praying for, but we're just not certain that He can do anything in *our* situation. We're convinced that there are just some things that God is either too busy to deal with, or He just really doesn't care. It has been said that to ask God for help in "small things" is wasting His time—be assured, *ALL things are small to God*. He is looking to and fro the earth for someone to not only call out to Him, but to *believe Him*. (2 Chronicles 16:9)

He is looking for *your* faith *in the midst of your storms of life*. He has allowed the storm, in an effort to increase your faith, *by threatening to destroy it*. Out of

His great love for you, He calls out to you through your storm and asks, “*Who do you say I am?*” (Matthew 16:15) As your life is pushed to the edge, His voice calls down from heaven...demanding an answer. It is your answer that determines whether or not you will make it through the storm and if there will be anything left in the aftermath. It is your faith in God that makes *all* the difference. Trust Him, and cling to your faith...God ALWAYS keeps His Word.

*According to your faith
and trust and reliance
[on the power invested in Me]
be it done to you;*
(Matthew 9:29 AMP)

The miracle in the storm on the Sea of Galilee revealed the Disciples’ lack of faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Although they had witnessed Jesus perform many miracles, they still had doubt about who He really was. It was through this miracle that their faith was truly put to the test. The Disciples believed, just as most people did, that many miracles

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are understandably possible, *but only God* could control the wind and the waves. There was no doubt in their minds that this kind of power could only come from the hand of God. God's desire is to move His hand in your storms, as well. *He is looking for your faith.*

What you must understand is that this miracle was not just a story of God's awesome power—it was not just another miracle. This miracle was for you to understand the purpose of the storms in *your* life and how to persevere through them. By applying this miracle to your life, you will find that God can calm all of your storms...*if you will just have faith that He can.*

Storms Will Come

After receiving thousands of emails from people all over the world through the ScriptureNow.com Ministry, I might guess that your storms are a broken relationship, a shattered marriage, depression, despair over unsaved loved ones, job anxiety, unemployment, financial failure, an illness, death, or some unexpected tragedy. Maybe you feel that life in general is a raging storm. No matter how big or small your storm, you feel that no one seems to understand; you're convinced that

you're in the boat alone. With each agonizing moment that passes, you feel that you're one day closer to drowning; it seems as though nothing and no one can save you.

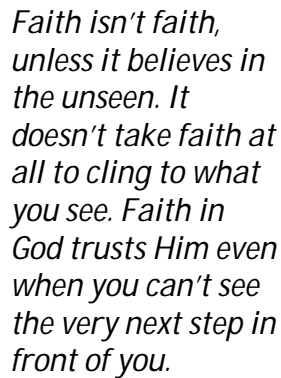
If you aren't currently in a storm, be on the lookout. The enemy is looking for an opportunity to send the perfect storm into your life. He is well aware of our deepest desires and our innermost struggles. Satan not only attacks us where we are weakest; more often, he attacks in those areas where we feel we are strongest. He knows exactly where pride exists. He knows we won't see an attack coming when we're overly confident in a particular area of our lives. He knows those places in our lives where we've decided to play God and we've shut God out. He's able to see any crack we leave in the door, and He feels more than comfortable letting himself in. The enemy is always at work, and he is more than willing to kick you while you're down. He's not particularly concerned about what's going on in your life and whether or not the timing is convenient. He's simply out to destroy your faith in God. The enemy's attacks are deceitful and destructive—you won't even see what's coming. Just as in the miracle of Jesus Calms the Storm, many times, the storms of our lives will come from out of nowhere—unexpectedly.

How many times have we judged others and said, "I'd never do that. That could never happen to

me...I'm too loving, too giving, too faithful, too loyal, too obedient, too prayerful, too dedicated to God. Besides, I go to church on Sunday!" Before we know it, we find ourselves in the midst of that very storm; we're dazed and confused, wondering how we got there and how to get out.

The Storm Has Great Purpose

The Disciples were not exempt from a test of faith and neither are we. God's purposes for them were so great, so critical to His plans, that He allowed a raging storm to take over their boat on the Sea of Galilee—bringing them to the edge of their faith. He increased their faith by asking them to step into a boat and *risk it*.



Faith isn't faith, unless it believes in the unseen. It doesn't take faith at all to cling to what you see. Faith in God trusts Him even when you can't see the very next step in front of you.

Faith isn't faith, unless it requires taking a step into the unseen. It doesn't take faith at all to cling to what you see. The faith that God is after is a faith that clings to Him and isn't threatened or destroyed by

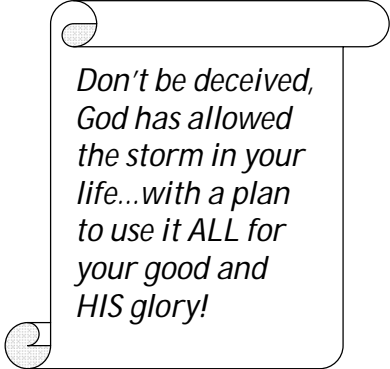
adversity and uncertainty. You know that you have genuine faith when common sense tells you to stop believing, but you continue to trust God anyway. *It's all about your faith in God*—don't ever believe otherwise.

This unexpected storm tested these men, who considered themselves *very* skilled fishermen, so that their faith would be strengthened for the journey ahead. In their weakness, they realized they were helpless without their Savior. When Jesus performed the incredible miracle of calming the storm, it caused these expert fishermen, who had been through many storms on this Sea, to experience a storm that would bring them to the end of themselves. Although the Disciples were master fishermen, God took the area of the Disciples' lives where they felt most confident... and tested them. God knew they needed to be brought to the end of their own abilities, so that they would trust in His.

Rest assured, God is bringing you to your knees, so that you can witness His hand lift you up. The message that God needed the Disciples to understand was that it was *by faith alone* that they could be saved. It's the message He wants *you* to know, as well.

But people are declared righteous because of their faith, not because of their work. (Romans 4:5 NLT)

By sending the storm and testing them in it, God turned these men into the greatest witnesses for Christ that the world has ever known. Our storms will also come in those areas where we least expect them. Our pride will keep us from seeing the storms coming. It is in the areas where pride exists that Satan sees an easy target. Don't be deceived... God *allowed* the storm in this miracle, and He's allowing it in your life...with a plan to use it ALL for *your good* and His glory!



Don't be deceived, God has allowed the storm in your life...with a plan to use it ALL for your good and HIS glory!

Then the Lord asked Satan, 'Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and will have nothing to do with evil.' Satan replied to the Lord, 'Yes, Job fears God, but not without good reason! You have always protected him and his home and his property from harm. You have made him prosperous in everything he does. Look how rich he is! But take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!' 'Alright, you may test him,' the Lord said to Satan. 'Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don't harm him physically.' So Satan left the Lord's presence. (Job 1:8-12 NLT)

Never doubt that there are spiritual conversations about *you*. Yes, *you!* You are known by name in the heavenly realms, and we know this from Isaiah 45:3 (NLT):

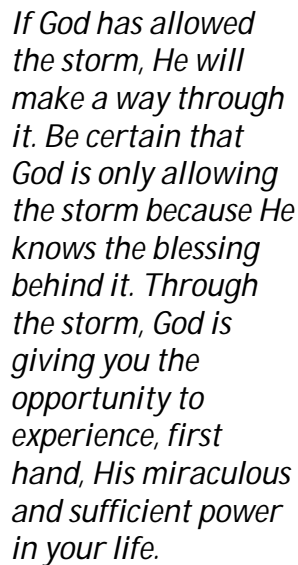
*I am the Lord, the God of Israel,
the one who calls you by name.*

You are no different than Job or the Disciples, in that, God will only allow those things which He knows will bring you closer to Him, give Him the glory, and make your heart more like His. It is imperative to truly understand that God will never give you more than you can withstand, and He will always make a way through your storms when you trust in Him.

But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give into it. (1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT)

When you feel that God has allowed your storms, you should be comforted in just knowing that God alone is control of them. In your storms of life, your spirit can be quieted by grabbing hold of the Truth: If God has allowed a storm...*He will make a way through it.* He has assured you that He is with you *always.* (Matthew 28:20) You should feel secure, in just knowing, that God has set the boundaries and perimeters of your storm—just as he did with Job. It should strengthen you to know that God is allowing this storm only because He knows the blessing behind it.

When God is at work in your life, you will often experience the miraculous and sufficient power of God in your storms...*even more than in your times of great blessings.* We can only truly appreciate the glory of being on the mountaintop when we've had to climb up from the valley. And the only way from one mountaintop to the next is *through* the valleys. It's in



If God has allowed the storm, He will make a way through it. Be certain that God is only allowing the storm because He knows the blessing behind it. Through the storm, God is giving you the opportunity to experience, first hand, His miraculous and sufficient power in your life.

the valley where the richest soil in the world is found... *God knows what He's doing when He's growing your faith.*

It is only through the storms that you will truly know the heart of God. In your storms, you've been given the opportunity to encounter God—the choice to accept His invitation is yours.

As long as we insist on being in control, God will not interfere. He will allow us to go our own way, until we come to a place of surrender. In order to experience God's miracles in our lives, we must be willing to relinquish control, and *let God be God.*

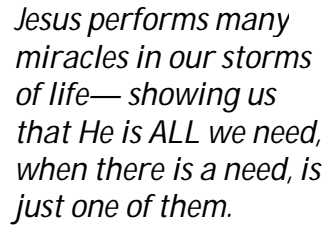
Too often, instead of trusting in God's sovereign purpose in our storms, many of us feel anger. We feel like God allowed us to walk into the storm or that He even led us right into it. We're convinced that He could have spared us the pain and suffering. Understanding the purpose of your storms will help you persevere through them and bring you closer to God, instead of casting your soul deeper into despair by allowing your heart to become hardened in your distress.

In all this, Job did not sin by blaming God. (Job 1:22 NLT)

(If you have not read the book of Job...I challenge you to do so and understand what it truly means to have faith in God through the most tragic storms of life.)

Why A Storm?

We live in a world filled with anxiety and tremendous uncertainty. Each and every day we are confronted by stories that shake the foundation of our faith—to a point of near destruction. If we, personally, aren't facing unthinkable trials and tragedies, we worry about friends and family members who are facing the unconceivable. Or we become fearful of what *lies ahead* in our lives.



Jesus performs many miracles in our storms of life— showing us that He is ALL we need, when there is a need, is just one of them.

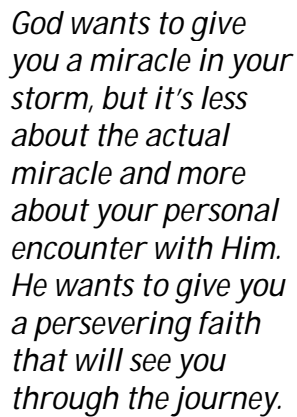
We wonder what *good* could possibly come from such overwhelming anxiety and fear. But, it's in the worst of times that we find the most opportune moment to re-examine our lives. What have we taken for granted? What are our morals and values? On what have we built our foundation and will it be able to withstand the storms in our lives? In the storms of life, we have two choices: we can reaffirm the faith we embraced when we accepted Christ into our life, or we can walk away. For those who have never known Jesus, these times of suffering are an opportunity for the heart to be opened and the need for God to surface. God is at work, even when we are unaware.

The storms convince us that we're lost and in need of help. In our desperation, we realize that we need a "compass."

When you're holding a compass, you can turn your feet in any direction, but the arrow of the compass will faithfully point to Magnetic North. If you should ever become lost, the compass will give you an indication of where you are and where you're going. In life, "North" is Christ. We may take a path that leads us in the "world's" direction and we might get lost along the way; but, when we turn to Christ, He realigns our lives in the direction of God's will. Jesus performs many miracles in our storms of life—showing us that He is all that we need, when there is a need, is just one of them.

Whether you're a person of faith right now, or a person still questioning and seeking answers, it's likely that you're open-minded to miracles. If you don't need a miracle right now, you probably know someone who does. You see, God does extraordinary things for ordinary people. He loves to surprise us with His goodness and His power, in order to help us in our most desperate times. He can do anything. But, in the storms of your life, He wants you to know His presence, so that as you wait for His perfect timing, you can be filled with hope. He wants you to find security and peace in His care; He wants you trusting that He is mighty to save. (Zephaniah 3:17)

If you want to find an extraordinary miracle in the life of an ordinary man, you need to look no further than to Moses. Moses was traveling in the desert when God spoke to him through a burning bush. (If you want to get an amazing glimpse of God's awesome power, you should make it a priority to read through the book of Exodus.) God caught Moses off-guard, in the middle of the desert, through a burning bush. His encounter with God was life-altering. This miracle enabled Moses to walk forward in faith, trusting God, because he could not deny such a supernatural occurrence. Moses was able to walk through even greater adversity along his journey because with each step of faith that he took...God strengthened his faith through one miracle after another.



God wants to give you a miracle in your storm, but it's less about the actual miracle and more about your personal encounter with Him. He wants to give you a persevering faith that will see you through the journey.

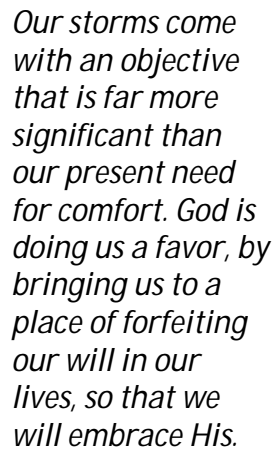
God used a burning bush to initially get Moses' *attention*; then, when Moses came to examine the bush further, *God called out his name*. (In our storms of life...God calls out our name, too. He wants our undivided attention.) As Moses drew even closer

to God, God stopped him and told him to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. He wanted Moses to know that he was in the presence of Almighty God. He wanted him to remember that moment *forever*. That event is now remembered thousands of years later—God’s miracle made its mark on history.

In this particular miracle, God didn’t stop with a burning bush. He goes on to tell Moses that He has heard the cries of His people in their suffering, and He has come down to save them. In your storms of life, God

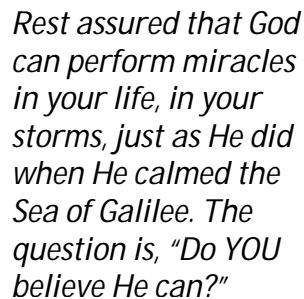
wants to step in and give you a miracle, too. But, it’s less about the actual miracle and more about your encounter with Him. He wants to give you the faith that will see you through the storms of your life that are yet to come. *And they will come.*

The poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning once, famously, wrote that *“Earth is crammed full of heaven, and every common bush aglow with God. Those who see...take off their shoes.”* God wants to bring you to a place of *“taking off your shoes.”*



Our storms come with an objective that is far more significant than our present need for comfort. God is doing us a favor, by bringing us to a place of forfeiting our will in our lives, so that we will embrace His.

This miracle on the Sea of Galilee, this storm, was preparing the Disciples' faith for the journey ahead. It was the storm that would bring them to their knees and really get their attention. God also knows exactly what storms you and I will need to go through, in order to draw us closer to Him. Our storms come with an objective that is far more significant than our present need for comfort. God is doing us a favor by bringing us to a place of forfeiting all of our expectations in our lives, so that we will embrace



Rest assured that God can perform miracles in your life, in your storms, just as He did when He calmed the Sea of Galilee. The question is, "Do YOU believe He can?"

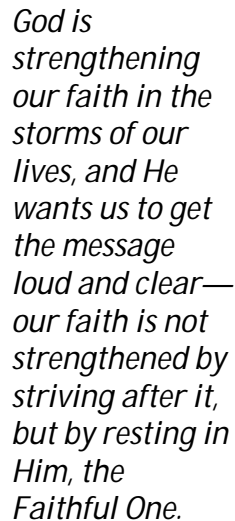
His. Your storms can create the greatest intimacy between yourself and God. There is *nothing* more awesome. When you're walking with God, the emptiness and loneliness that daily consumes your soul is filled with a joy that overflows and a peace that is beyond all understanding.

This miracle was not just for the Disciples—it was for *you*. You will experience a miracle in your life, if you will understand how significant the storms of your life are to your faith. You must realize that God can do ANYTHING—He *can* calm the storm. But, what He really wants to do is use your life for His

purposes—something far greater than anything you could dare ask for or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). He wants to give you something far more fulfilling than you could ever desire.

It should be encouraging to know that if God could take these few ordinary men and use this storm to change the world forever through their testimony... *He can use your storms for His glory, too.*

Yes, God wants to use *you*. Rest assured He can perform miracles in your life, in your storms, just as He did when He calmed the Sea of Galilee. The question is, "Do *you* believe He can?"



God is strengthening our faith in the storms of our lives, and He wants us to get the message loud and clear—our faith is not strengthened by striving after it, but by resting in Him, the Faithful One.

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway." (John 20:29 NLT)

"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." (Mark 9:23 NLT)

God intends to perform a miracle in your life and not have you say, "*How did He do that?*" Instead, He wants for you to have the same experience as the Disciples of Jesus had—it was in their awe and amazement that they asked, "*Who is this man, that even the winds and waves obey him?*"

And they were filled with awe amazement. They said to one another 'Who is this man, that even the winds and waves obey him?' (Luke 8:25 NLT)

God desires for you to be in such awe and amazement of His power that you are less concerned about how He did it, but rather, *who* it is that did it! We beg and beg for miracles in our lives, constantly wondering why God won't do something; yet, when He does, He mystifies us even more. It's our heart He's after, and He's more than willing to bring about a miracle in your life in order to capture it. His miracle for you is that you will not be overcome by your storms, but that you will know Who to come to when your storms emerge. He's strengthening your faith in Him *through* the storms. He wants us to get the message loud and clear: our faith is not strengthened by striving after it, but by resting in Him, *the Faithful One*.

Just as in the Sea of Galilee, God knows our storms often come from out of nowhere. He's well

aware that when they do...we are likely to go into shear panic. His miracle for you, in the storm, is that you can be at rest with Him through your faith.

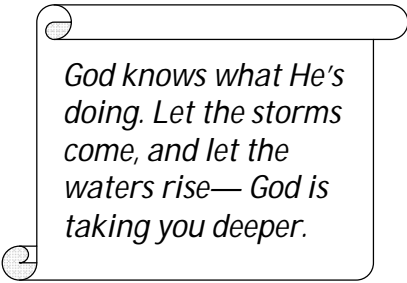
We look at the storms of our lives and too often, ask, "*If God is so loving, why does He allow pain and suffering in my life? What have I done to deserve being a victim in this circumstance? Why do I need to go through this storm? Why can't He just take me around it? I want out and NOW!*" The truth is, God knows us...He

knows what it will take to bring us to our knees.

It is upon our knees where we learn to walk by faith and receive the peace that only He can provide when storms arise. Remember this

clearly: **ANYTHING** that drops us to our knees and brings us to the foot of the Cross is **GOOD** for us. In our moments of complete brokenness, when the flesh is weak, but the spirit is willing (Matthew 26:41), He wants us to know: *In Jesus* we will find confident patience, strength, endurance, and peace.

God knows exactly what we need, in order to make it through this journey of life. At times, our journey will take us into unfamiliar, intimidating, territory...which may be exactly where God wants us, so that He can perform His greatest work in our lives.



God knows what He's doing. Let the storms come, and let the waters rise— God is taking you deeper.

If we go back to the book of Exodus, and the life of Moses, we find that when Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them along the main road that ran through the territory—even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. Here's what He said, '*If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.*' So God led them in a round-about way through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. (Exodus 13:17-18 NLT) You see, God may have led them the long way, but He was preparing an even greater miracle than Him *rescuing* them.

You might be tempted to believe that God doesn't know what He's doing—that He's causing you to endure unnecessary pain and suffering. But, rest assured, God knows exactly what He's doing. Let the storms come, and let the waters rise—*God is taking you deeper.*

God knows that this won't be the last storm you will encounter in your life. It's a fallen world; He wants to build your faith in Him, so when the sea rages and the storm clouds begin closing in...you will find peace in Him.

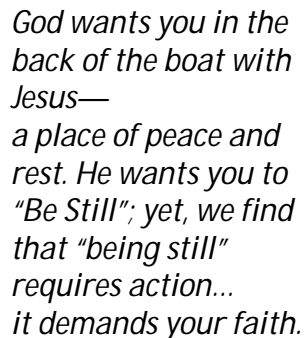
Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6-7 NLT)

Faith Can Calm the Storm

Through God's Word, we are assured that He can calm the "external" storm; but, the storm He really wants to calm is the one *inside* of you—the "internal" storm. Ask yourself, while reading through this miracle, "Was Jesus just simply telling the wind and the waves, "*Peace! Be Still!*"? Or was there a deeper message?" Jesus was speaking to YOU in this miracle. You see, it took no effort at all for Jesus to calm the external, physical, storm. It was much more important for Him to teach us how to calm the storm within us—the "spiritual" storm.

When you learn how to calm the storm within, through your faith in God, the wind and the waves may be threatening to take you under, but you will find yourself in the eye of the storm... *at peace*.

We can look at a hurricane as being symbolic to our storms of life. Hurricanes have a distinctive feature called an "eye." The eye of a hurricane is in the middle of the spiral of the storm. The eye is



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produced by the spiraling action of the storm, and it is the area where the air is slowly sinking. When the eye of a hurricane passes over an area, the winds decrease to a gentle breeze and the rain stops. In the eye of the hurricane, you may even be able to see the sun during the day or the stars out at night. Then, as the rest of the storm passes and the wind suddenly changes directions, the storm becomes ferocious again.

God wants you to be in the eye of your storms in life. In the eye, He knows that you will be able to see the light of day and enjoy the beauty of the stars at night. In the eye of storm, the winds and waters may rage around you, but you will be experiencing peace in the midst of it. God has given us His Word, the Scriptures, to keep us from being overcome by the most powerful winds that reside just outside the eye wall of the storm.

Understanding the miracle of “Jesus Calms the Storm” makes us certain of one thing: whatever the storm is, however fierce, and however the storm came about, God can calm it. The question is, “Will *you* have faith that God can calm *your* storm?” The lesson in this fantastic miracle of “*Jesus Calms the Storm*” is to have confident faith in God, and get to the back of the boat with Jesus—a place of peace and rest. What we also learn through this miracle is that “*Being Still*,” actually, requires action. Let the miracle of Jesus

calming the storm increase your faith and bring about a miracle in *your life*, by teaching you to “*Be Still.*”

NOTE TO READER: *I encourage you to go through this book and highlight the Scriptures. When you only have a moment, skim through the book and be encouraged!*

*Also, don't miss the section in the back of this book, “**God's Word On...**” Use the section as a reference to God's Promises that will encourage your faith through all your storms of life.*