



SERMON HANDOUT for June 23, 2024



WEATHERING THE STORMS OF LIFE!

Matthew 14:22-33 NKJV

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

SOMETIMES WE STEP OUT IN FAITH
BUT THEN LET CIRCUMSTANCES PULL US UNDER.

INTRODUCTION

5 FACTS ABOUT THE STORMS OF LIFE:

- 1) Storms are **INEVITABLE** (John 16:33)
- 2) Storms are **UNPREDICTABLE** (James 4:14)
- 3) Storms are **IMPARTIAL** (Matthew 5:45)
- 4) Storms are **TEMPORARY** (1 Peter 1:6; 1 Corinthians 10:13)
- 5) Storms are for **BUILDING FAITH** (James 1:2)

APPLICATION

The storms of life help us turn our focus from building our own kingdom to building God's kingdom. None of us are immune from the storms of life. While we don't know how or when they will hit, God has assured us they will come. But just like hurricanes, we can prepare.

PREPARATION FOR WEATHERING THE STORMS LIFE REQUIRES:

1) _____ WITH GOD IN PRAYER - Matthew 14:22-24 NKJV

Quiet Time:

- a) *“Satan does not care how many people read about prayer — his goal is to can keep them from praying.”*
 - b) E. M. Bounds: *“Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet.”* - Matthew 6:6 KJV
 - c) Psalm 55:16-17 NKJV
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2) _____ THE WORD - Matthew 14:25-27 NKJV

- a) **Fourth Watch** — between 3am-6am
 - b) **It is a ghost!** — Why did they say it’s a ghost?
 - c) **But immediately Jesus spoke...**
 - † John 1:1 NKJV
 - † John 1:14 NKJV
 - † John 3:16-17 NKJV
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3) _____ BY FAITH - Matthew 14:28-29 NKJV

- a) Faith requires the Removal of Doubts - Matthew 14:28 NKJV
 - b) Doubts are Removed by knowing the Commands - Matthew 14:28 NKJV
 - c) Doubts are Removed by Obeying the Commands - Matthew 14:29 NKJV
 - d) The Commands are Displayed by our Walk - Matthew 14:29 NKJV
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4) _____ THE SON OF GOD - Matthew 14:30-33 NKJV

Knowing the Son of God requires:

- a) Correct Focus - Matthew 14:30 NKJV
 - b) Confidence in His Facility (ability) - Matthew 14:30, 32 NKJV
 - c) Committed Faith - Matthew 14:31 NKJV
 - d) Confirmed His Fidelity - Matthew 14:33 NKJV
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