

We must dispel fear by leaning on Christ's power!

These inward trials I employ From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy That thou may'st find thy all in Me. (John Newton)

*Background to Mark 4:35ff*

- Now in Mark 4-5 we come to a section highlighting Christ's power/authority over:
  - Disaster / nature (4:35-39)
  - Demons (5:1-20)
  - Disease (5:25-34)
  - Death (5:21-24, 35-43)

**THESIS — From this account, we see the great power of Christ over \*Disaster\*:  
Christ's Power Over Disaster is seen in 4 ways:**

**I. A RESULT OF OBEDIENCE (35-36)**

**II. A SITUATION OF TERROR (37-38)**

- A. we read these verses & we cannot miss the *parallels* with Jonah. Jonah 1.4 - the LORD hurled a great wind on the sea & there was a great storm.

A sleeping Savior

Don't you care?

STORMS CAN COME (1) suddenly (2) severely; (3) to believers; (4) to *obedient & faithful* believers; (5) unrelentingly.

- B. So why does our Lord seem to *sleep* in the fierce storms of your life?

**Mark 4:35-41 — “Christ’s Authority Over The Fierce Storm: The Cure For All Fear”**

1. to display our weakness
2. to rouse our faith in His power
3. to lead us to pray for his help
4. to glorify His great Name (William VanDoren)

**III. A SAVIOR OF POWER (39)**

- A. In the storm, you gotta see above the thunderclouds to the *Sun shining so brightly*. See Christ! See the Savior in the storm!

Jesus is the powerful Savior with all authority (cf. Colossians 1:15-20)

1. Jesus has all POWER because he is CREATOR (15-16)
2. Jesus has all POWER because he is SUSTAINER (17)
3. Jesus has all POWER because he is LORD (18-19)
4. Jesus has all POWER because he is SAVIOR (20, 22)

**Don’t Forget!**

- Jesus is PRESENT
- Jesus is POWERFUL
- Jesus makes PROMISES
- Jesus is PROTECTOR

Lottie Moon said, “We are immortal until our work on earth is finished.”

**IV. A SURE-CURE OF FEAR (40-41)**

FAITH!

- ★ the **PROMISE** of Christ
- ★ the **PRESENCE** of Christ
- ★ the **POWER** of Christ
- ★ the **PEACE** of Christ

“The greatest danger was not the wind or the waves, it was the unbelief in their hearts. Our greatest problems are within us, not around us.” (Warren Wiersbe)

**what do we see about JESUS & His glory in this text?**

1. Jesus is PRESENT - went with them
2. Jesus is WISE - he led them into a lake with a brewing storm
3. Jesus is CALM - he slept
4. Jesus is MAN - he slept
5. Jesus is AVAILABLE - they came to him & cried out urgently
6. Jesus is POWERFUL - he got up & rebuked the wind & sea
7. Jesus is TRUSTWORTHY - he calls for them to have faith
8. Jesus is AWESOME - they all feared greatly
9. Jesus is DIVINE - who is this that the wind and waves obey him (Proverbs 30.4)

**O WORSHIP THE KING**

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
 O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
 Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O measureless might! Ineffable love!  
 While angels delight to worship Thee above,  
 The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
 With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
 His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
 And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE SURROUND ME** (Tune: *come thou fount of every blessing*)

When the storms of life surround me,  
 And the world seems dark and cold,  
 When the rain beats down upon me,  
 And the lightning stabs my soul,  
 I cry out to my Savior,  
 Lord, help me, lest I die!  
 Do You care not that the billows  
 Push my boat up to the grave?

I command the winds of heaven,  
 And the lightning does My will,  
 I who walked upon the waters,  
 And who bid the storm be still.  
 I seek not your destruction,  
 But to strengthen and make pure;  
 Keep your faith in Me, believing  
 I My promises fulfill.

When the raging winds and tempest,  
 And the noxious clouds of sin,  
 Whirl around me like an army,  
 And my faith is wearing thin,  
 In a whispering distant thunder,  
 Comes a voice like morning calm:  
 "Fear not, I am with you ever,  
 Till the world shall see its end.

He is greater than the thunder,  
 He is mightier than the storm;  
 He extends His hand to lift me,  
 And protect my soul from harm.  
 He will see me safe to harbor,  
 To the haven of my rest,  
 Sheltered by the Rock of Ages,  
 Held in His almighty arm!

## Corporate Reading

### **Job 36:22-29**

**22** Behold, God is exalted in His power; Who is a teacher like Him? **23** Who has appointed Him His way, And who has said, You have done wrong? **24** Remember that you should exalt His work, Of which men have sung. **25** All men have seen it; Man beholds from afar. **26** Behold, God is exalted, and we do not know Him; The number of His years is unsearchable. **27** For He draws up the drops of water, They distill rain from the mist, **28** Which the clouds pour down, They drip upon man abundantly. **29** Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds, The thundering of His pavilion?

### **Isaiah 40:12-14**

**12** Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair of scales? **13** Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him? **14** With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge And informed Him of the way of understanding?

### **Proverbs 30:4**

**4** Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His sons name? Surely you know!

### **Psalms 29:1-4, 10**

**1** Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. **2** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in holy array. **3** The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; The God of glory thunders, The LORD is over many waters. **4** The voice of the LORD is powerful, The voice of the LORD is majestic... **10** The LORD sat as King at the flood; Yes, the LORD sits as King forever. **11** The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

### **Psalms 107:22-31**

**22** Let them also offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, And tell of His works with joyful singing. **23** Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters; **24** They have seen the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep. **25** For He spoke and raised up a stormy wind, Which lifted up the waves of the sea. **26** They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths; Their soul melted away in their misery. **27** They reeled and staggered like a drunken man, And were at their wits end. **28** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, And He brought them out of their distresses. **29** He caused the storm to be still, So that the waves of the sea were hushed. **30** Then they were glad because they were quiet, So He guided them to their desired haven. **31** Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men!

The ship that has Christ in it, though it may be tossed, cannot sink! — Matthew Henry

Some life lessons from this text: **1.** Christ cares for you and can help in your crisis. **2.** Christ is in complete control of everything. **3.** We all must go through storms to get to the other side. **4.** If you're going through a storm you better have Jesus in your boat. **5.** Make sure that Jesus is steering your ship. **6.** Grow in your awe of Christ. **7.** Jesus won't always calm the storm but He will calm you. (Brian Bell)