

Comfort and Security in Christ

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William MacDonald's sermon explores the theme of finding comfort and security in Christ amidst life's storms, emphasizing faith and trust in His authority.

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Scripture: Psalm 4:8, Psalm 107:28-30, Isaiah 57:20-21, Matthew 8:23-27, Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 4:35-41, Revelation 21:1

Topics: "Security"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker focuses on the passage from Mark chapter 4, verses 35 to the end of the chapter. He begins by explaining that he chose to preach on something comforting, despite the topic being a storm at sea. He emphasizes the importance of preaching the gospel and the power of God's word. The speaker then delves into the story of Jesus calming the storm, highlighting the faithlessness of the disciples and the authority of Jesus over nature. He concludes by mentioning the presence of storms in our lives and the assurance that God is always with us.

Transcript

We'll turn just briefly now to Mark chapter 4, please. Mark chapter 4, and I'd like to read verses 35 to the end of the chapter. Mark chapter 4, verse 35.

As you've noticed, we didn't take up a series this weekend. Rather, I thought, take up something to edify, something to encourage, something to exhort, and then today, something to comfort. Kind of contradictory, the comforting message is about a storm at sea.

I can think of nothing less comforting than a storm at sea, but we'll see what we can get out of it. Mark chapter 4, verse 35. On the same day when evening had come, he said to them, let us cross over to the other side.

Now when they had left the multitude, they took him along in the boat as he was, and other little boats were also with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on a pillow, and they awoke him and said to him, Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing? Then he arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace, be still.

And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. But he said to them, Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, Who can this be, that even

the wind and the sea obey him? I wonder if Amy would just appear for a minute with the fiddle. Sorry to bother you, but we need a lesson in geography here.

I didn't want to just take the fiddle because I knew you would have cardiac arrest if I did. It would sound like a hundred cats being strangled at one time. But the reason I'm asking Amy to do this is not to embarrass her.

We've certainly appreciated her music. I have, tremendously, this weekend. But the Sea of Galilee that we're going to be talking about is shaped something like a fiddle.

Not exactly now, don't press it, but in general. So, if you just hold it, you can see it. It fixes it better in your mind.

So, we read here at the beginning of these verses. The Lord Jesus said, Let's cross over to the other side. Why did he want to cross over to the other side? If you study the passage carefully, I think it's very clear.

You know, there is an expenditure in spiritual work. Even with the Savior to heal that dear woman who touched him. Ministering the word, teaching the people up here by the Sea of Galilee.

And now he wants to get away. But this is as we will see. He says, Let us cross over to the other side.

Now, when they had left the multitude, he had been with the crowd. Sing, sing. And I watched this in life.

When you get with the Holy Spirit in the Navy. And he said, A Bible is paid for it. You know, that's what the men want in a time of war.

They want to hear the truth. But I can tell you of other men. And when they preach on there, and people turn up.

Spurgeon said, Get on fire, it will turn out to see you burn. Well, when they had left the multitude. That's why he was tired.

He had been ministering. They took him along in the boat as he was. You know, the Bible is wonderful.

Just those little words, as he was. Now, why are those words there in this account? The change. I suppose that would be a good reason for the change.

Some change of Raymond. Or adding Raymond. And going across the Sea of Galilee.

But no. It says they took him along in the boat. And other little boats were also.

What he has to teach. And what he has to say. Other little boats were.

And a great windstorm arose. And the waves beat into the boat. So that it was already going.

Well, the Sea of Galilee. That the ravine of the drossity increases in a constriction ravine. And as it comes down through the ravine.

It picks up. That wind hits the Sea of Galilee. And churns it into a tremendous.

Now, I've given a naturalistic explanation for the storm in the Sea of Galilee. But there's more. What else is more? Well, I'll tell you.

It's the satanic storm. You know, Satan has a certain control over the weather. Doesn't he? You don't believe it? Go back and read the first two chapters of Job.

And Satan was allowed to control the weather. As well as ungodly men. The Sabians.

And others. That wiped Job out in a single day. Of course, you think too of the massacre of the infants.

The attempt there at Nazareth. And also the two attempts to stone the Lord. In John's Gospel.

And one attempt to seize him as well. Satan. In the Sea of Galilee.

Yeah, there's a naturalistic. Satan is there. Against the Prince of Life.

And I want to tell you. This morning, dear friends. I don't know anything in life.

At sea. You probably have. Most of you probably haven't been in one.

I would beat over the captain's bridge. On the ship. And I tell you.

The beams in that ship. And one wave came along. And tipped the destroyer up.

Just like that. And it went right down into the ocean. A couple waves.

And some years ago. When I had to stop at Florida first. And I was on a Delta airliner.

And we were flying. It was a beautiful day. Sunshine.

Just like today. And the flight attendants served the lunch. The lunch.

Meatloaf. Gravy. Peas.

And potatoes. And a roll. And then a dessert.

And just as we were over Kentucky. That plane went into clear air turbulence. And I want to tell you.

I'm not exaggerating. That was like a feather in a gale. That plane.

At one time. The plane fell 3,000 feet. Falling wasn't so bad.

It's when it stopped falling. And started up. And we were told later.

That the wingtips of that plane flexed 13 feet. And if they didn't flex 13 feet. The wings would have come off.

I want to tell you. It was really. It was really something.

There weren't. There weren't six square inches. Of the floor of that plane.

That didn't have meatloaf and gravy. Florida. The ministry had ended.

I bought a screaming. And once they go into the clear air turbulence. They can't turn the radar in those days.

When it was all over. The bags. I call it.

It was a day to be remembered. But once again. I say.

It was nothing. And you know. I believe.

That. The storm at sea. Is used.

As. As an illustration. Of.

Israel. In the tribulation period. The Gentile.

Nation. Tribulation. Verse 23.

Psalms 127. Verse 23. Those who go down to the sea and ships.

Who do business on great waters. They see the works of the Lord. And his wonders in the deep.

For he commands and raises the stormy wind. Which lifts up the waves of the sea. They mount up to the heavens.

They go down again to the depth. Their soul melts. Because of trouble.

They reel to and fro. And stagger. Like a drunken man.

And are at their wit's end. I tell you. It's a graphic description.

Of a storm. At sea. Then they cry out to the Lord.

In their trouble. He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm.

So that its waves are still. Then they are quiet. Then they are glad.

Because they are quiet. So he guides them. To their desired aim.

The fifth way. To develop a prayer life. Is to be in a storm at sea.

Even ungodly men. Even the. The.

I can guarantee you. That they do. And this passage.

In Psalm 107. Gives a very beautiful. Description of.

And. Just imagine. In the middle of a storm.

Like that. The Lord Jesus. Is on a cushion.

Stern. Of the boat. And he's.

The. Holy God. Perfectly God.

At the back. You know. As God.

He never flumbers. Great contradiction too. Nobody can understand.

The person. Who can explore it. In vain.

Because. The Bible. Teaches.

That we accept it. We sleep. In a storm like that.

I could sleep. Because. Because.

He knew. He was in the middle of a storm. That's why.

He knew that he was. Brings me back. To an incident.

I had. You'll think. All my life.

Has been storms. It hasn't. But.

During the. Second World War. I was stationed in Kansas City.

And I got temporary duty orders. To fly out. To Oakland.

And naturally speaking. I am. A worrywart.

I'm not. And I was. Restless.

The plane was leaving. Night. In the night time.

And I was. Restless. To the.

Naval Air Station. The plane. Was going to go.

It was. Well. It was wonderful.

I looked at the pilot. The pilot. To check.

And that was the weather. So I went. To the meteorology department.

Between here. If you really want to know. Anyway.

He said. I tell you. You go back to your room.

And he said. We'll send. This is ridiculous.

McDonald. You're a Christian. You say you're a Christian.

And here you're getting all turbulent. And boisterous. And worried.

Where's your faith? What have the people of God always done. When they've been in tight spots? Well. They go to the Bible.

Well. Why don't you go to the Bible? Well. I wouldn't know where to begin.

Well. Where do they usually go. In a time of testing.

Well. In the beginning. This is kind of.

And I read. Psalm number two. And I couldn't get anything.

Out of it. And I read verse eight. And it said.
I will both lay me down. In peace and sleep. Not the plane.
Not the pilot. Not the weather. Thou Lord.
Only. Make us me dwell in safety. I lay down on the bed.
And I had to be wakened. By them. When they came to pick me up.
I don't take any credit for that at all. It was the Lord. It was the Lord.
Lay me down in peace and sleep. For thou Lord. Only.
Make us me dwell in. Then they said. We perish.
And you know. When they said. We.
They didn't mean. Just the disciples. They meant.
You. And us. We're all going to.
Perish. We're all going to. Drown.
And what they're. Saying to him. Is.
How can you. Be so. Unconcerned.
In a. Crisis. Like. That.
It wasn't a request. That they were making. Of the Lord.
And the. Patience of the Lord. I said.
He's a wonderful Lord. He's really. A wonderful.
Lord. How can you. Be so.
Unconcerned. Imagine. Rebuking.
God. Rebuking. God.
Does. Jesus. Care.
Does. Jesus. Care.
When. My. Heart.
Is. Pain. Too.
Deeply. From. Merit.
And. Song. As.

The burdens. Press. And.
Distressed. And. Way.
Grows. Weary. As.
Long. Does. Jesus.
Care. When. My.
Way. Is. Dark.
With. A. Nameless. Dread.
And. Fear. As.
The. Daylight. Fades.
Into. Deep. Night.
Shades. Does. Care.
Enough. To. Be.
Near. Does. Jesus.
Care. When. I've.
Tried. And. Failed.
To. Resist. Some.
Temptation. Strong. When.
From. My. Deep.
Grief. I. Find. No.
Relief. Though. My.
Tears. Flow. All.
The. Night. Long.
I. Know. His. He.
Cares. His. Heart.
Is. Touched. With.
My. Grief. When.
The. Days. Are.

Weary. The. Long.
And. Really. Does.
Care. Do. You.
Not. Care. That.
We. Are. Then.
He. Arose. And.
Rebuked. The. Wind.
And. Said. To.
The. Sea. Here.
I. Wonder. Why. God.
Is. Silent. When.
We. Pray. Thirty.
Nine. He. Gets.
Up. And. He.
Says. He. Arose.
And. Rebuked. The.
Wind. And. Said.
To. The. Sea.
Here. Arose. Wind.
And. To. The.
Sea. Here. I. Fear.
They. Will. Offer.
The. Storm. That.
Caused. Them. To.
Fear. And. Now.
It's. The. Calm.
That. Caused. Them.

To. Fear. Yeah.
We. Are. Funny.
People. Are. Afraid.
The. Storm. And.
Then. The. Calm.
Comes. And. We're.
Afraid. And. That's.
What. It. Says.
Here. They. Had.
Not. Learned. Really.
It. Doesn't. Seem.
They. Really. Understood.
They. Didn't. Really.
Have. After. All.
This. Time. With.
Him. Didn't. Have.
A. Real. Deep. Appreciation.
Of. Who. He.
Was. And. They.
Did. Not. Have.
Their. Faith. In.
Him. They. Hadn't.
Learned. To. Trust.
Him. And. I. Don't.
Think. They. Realized.
Their. Fear. They.
Were. Awestruck. Let.

This. Be. That.

Even. The. Winds.

And. The. Waves.

They. Were. Awestruck.

They. Awestruck. They.

They. Were. Awestruck.

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