



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

SERMON NOTES

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WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

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JOHN 6:16-21 (NIV)

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." ²¹Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (NLT)

¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

WHAT DOES THE STORY OF JESUS WALKING ON THE WATER TEACH US?

1. THIS STORY TEACHES US ABOUT OBEDIENCE TO GOD AND HIS WORD! (It was the will of God that the disciples got into the boat and headed out into the middle of the lake—and they did it!)

MARK 6:45-46 (NLT)

⁴⁵Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home. ⁴⁶After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

MATTHEW 28:18-20a (NLT)

¹⁸Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."

1 SAMUEL 15:1-23 (NLT)

JOHN 10:27 (NLT)

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

2. THIS STORY TEACHES US THAT GOD ALLOWS EVERYBODY TO EXPERIENCE TOUGH TIMES! (It was the will of God that the storm would come right when the men got out into the middle of the lake!)

VERSE 18 (NIV)

JOHN 16:33b (NCV)

"In this world you will have trouble..."

MATTHEW 5:45b (NCV)

"He causes the sun to rise on good people and on evil people, and he sends rain to those who do right and to those who do wrong."

Obedience to God doesn't prevent storms in our lives...But it does give us the power to overcome those storms. It does give us security within those storms. It does build our trust when the storms come.

MATTHEW 7:24-27 (NCV)

²⁴"Everyone who hears my words and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock. ²⁶Everyone who hears my words and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house, and it fell with a big crash."

3. THIS STORY TEACHES US THAT JESUS IS ALWAYS NEAR WHEN YOU GO THROUGH A STORM!

(Jesus actually meets you in the middle of the storms!)

VERSES 16-19 (NIV)

ISAIAH 43:1-5a (NLT)

4. THIS STORY TEACHES US THAT FEAR ALWAYS KEEPS YOU FROM RECOGNIZING JESUS!

VERSES 18-21 (NIV)

ADDITIONAL NOTES
