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## "GETTING THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE"

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### **MATTHEW 14:22-33**

**CORE TRUTH:** If you belong to Jesus, God is with you in this present storm and every storm you face in life.

**INSIGHT:** In times of hardship, Jesus is the source of hope.

#### **I. TO LIVE LIFE IS TO ENCOUNTER STORMS.**

**TRUTH:** There's a storm in everyone's future, and they are often unexpected.

**INSIGHT:** When I say storm, I'm using it as a metaphor for difficulty.

**TRUTH:** Storms can wreak havoc in our lives. The good news is that Jesus is with us in every storm we face (Matthew 7:24-27).

**INSIGHT:** God is always with us in every storm we are going to face in life.

#### **II. STORMS ARE PATHWAYS OF PROVIDENCE (Psalm 121:5-8; John 16:33).**

**TRUTH:** Storms are inevitable no matter what we do (2 Corinthians 4:17).

**INSIGHT:** In these stormy days put the direction of your life into the Lord's hands by an act of your will (Genesis 45:5).

**INSIGHT:** Joseph's brothers sinned by selling Joseph into slavery, but God made sure the only ones they could sell Joseph to were on their way to Egypt.

**TRUTH:** God is not only the One Who permits my storms, He also determines the direction the storm blows my life.

#### **III. STORMS IN LIFE SERVE THE PURPOSES OF GOD (John 16:33).**

The types of storms:

1. Storms of protection to keep us from something

**TRUTH:** Often what we want most is what we need the least.

**TRUTH:** Sometimes the thing we want most in life becomes a noose around our necks to destroy us.

**TRUTH:** Sometimes when we reach our life goals, we forget about the Lord Who blessed us to get there.

2. Storms also come because of disobedience.

**INSIGHT:** Sometimes the storm we are in is from our unwillingness to do God's will.

#### **IV. THE LORD IS WATCHING US IN OUR STORMS (Mark 6:48).**

**INSIGHT:** In our storms, heaven never takes its eyes off us.

**TRUTH:** Jesus does not watch the troubles of our lives passively.

#### **INVITATION:**

**Matthew 14:25 INSIGHT:** God normally waits to bring deliverance from trouble till we are at the end of ourselves.

**Matthew 14:26, 23:37 INSIGHT:** The Lord will come to you in these days... listen to hear His voice directing you.

**Matthew 14:30 INSIGHT:** If you feel like you're going to crater under the strain of these days, you've taken your eyes off Jesus... get your eyes back on Him.