**When Jesus Is in Your Boat**

**October 2, 2022**

**(Mark 4:35-41)**

1. What was your biggest take away from today’s sermon?
2. **Read Mark 4:35-41**

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" NIV

Question: How do you think you would have felt if you had been in that boat during the storm?

**Question:** What do you think your reaction may have been if you had seen Jesus rebuke the wind and waves and everything become completely calm?

1. Pastor John said, “Every person experience storms, even those who travel with Jesus.”  
   But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord… (Genesis 6:8)  
   **Question:** What were some of your prayers, thoughts, anxious thoughts that went through your mind this past week as we experienced Hurricane Ian?
2. **Discuss** the following statement “If you have everything and no grace, you have nothing. If you have nothing but grace, you have everything.”—Max Lucado
3. **Discuss** the following statements by Pastor John… “Jesus accompanies us through the storms, even though it may appear He is unconcerned.” “God does not promise exemption from the storms of life, but He promises protection through the storms.” **Ps 23:1-6**23 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.   
**Question:** In what ways in your own life has this passage been a comfort to you?

1. Pastor John said…”Maturity comes by enduring the storms, even though we would prefer exemption.”  
   **Question:** Why are we so afraid when the storms come?
2. Remember this, with Jesus in the boat, the boat won’t sink and the storm will be over.  
   **Question:** What do you think about that statement?