

HE IS... – Part 5 God Over The Storm!

John 3:30-35 (NLT) He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less. "He has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else. He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true. For he is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit. The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands.

What We Have Learned:

- **God of the test – the comparison test – do not compare yourself with your challenge.**
- **God of capacity – the capacity lesson – what I have versus what is needed.**
- **God of increase – the compounding principle – every encounter with a problem or a challenge can bring an increase.**
- **God of the leftovers – the cult of selfishness – preferring others and overcoming the culture of the cult of selfishness.**

Matthew 14:22-27 (NLT) Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here.

God over the storm – the storm effect – every storm has the potential to grow my faith and deepen my relationship with god.

God Over The Storm:

- **Jesus is never surprised.**

What Jesus Does In This Storm

- **He prays – Mark 6:46 (NLT) After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.**

*Romans 8:34 (NLT) Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and **he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.***

- **He sees – Mark 6:48a (NLT) He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves.**

*Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT) So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. **This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.***

- **He overcomes – Mark 6:48b (NLT) About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.**

*Romans 8:35-37 (NLT) Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? **Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.***

*John 6:19-20 (NLT) They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, **20 but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here!"***

Mark 6:51-52 (Phillips) And he climbed aboard the boat with them, and the wind dropped. But they were scared out of their wits. They had not had the sense to learn the lesson of the loaves. Even that miracle had not opened their eyes to see who he was.

Because Jesus is Lord over every storm, I can rest knowing:

- **Even if things don't work out as I have anticipated, I can trust, that ultimately it will work out the way God has purposed it!**

- **Because I don't know the future, labeling anything as a success or failure is a worthless endeavor.**

Romans 8:28 (NKJV) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Matthew 14:28-33 (NLT) Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.