

SERMON NOTES

PRACTICAL | application to my life

Connect Groups are meant to be a place where we minister to one another and walk with each other through the storms of life. With that understanding, what are you expecting from this season of Connect Groups?

Is there a storm you're going through that you'd like prayer for?

SERMON SERIES: The Gospel of Mark

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Message: "The Folly of Fair-Weather Faith"

Crossroads Christian Church

Text: Mark 4:35-41

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"THE FOLLY OF FAIR-WEATHER FAITH"

1. A _____ storm. Mark 4:35-38

Two observations:

- Just because Jesus is on board doesn't _____ from storms.
- Some people believe storms _____ when we are _____ to God.

2. A _____ Savior. Mark 4:39-41

Why do storms come into our lives?

- Sometimes the storms come because of _____ . *Jonah 1:12*
- Sometimes the Lord will allow a storm _____ . *Hebrews 12:11*
- Sometimes storms are _____ .

_____ and _____ are mutually exclusive. *Proverbs 24:10*

FAIR-WEATHER FAITH will always _____ you.

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COMING SOON



Fall Connect Groups Begin | Sept. 11

The fall season of Connect Groups begins this week! These sermon-based groups meet in homes one night a week to study and apply God's Word and build relationships.

SIGN UP TODAY IN THE GRAND HALL!



Leaders' Dinner | THIS TUESDAY

All leaders, including Connect Group leaders and hosts, **MUST ATTEND** the leaders' dinner this Tuesday in the Grand Hall @ 6:45 p.m. **Make your reservations at the north lobby Welcome Center today.**

CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

Connect Groups are sermon-based small groups that meet primarily in homes.
To join a group, visit crossroadschristian.org/connect.

For the week of Sept. 8, 2013.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

HISTORICAL | getting to know me

1. This week we learned how the disciples were panicked and scared in the middle of a storm. Looking back in your life, can you think of any storms you've gone through? If so, how did you feel?
2. Which of the two observations on storms in this week's message caught your attention the most?

BIBLICAL | digging deeper into the Bible

1. This week we saw how the disciples responded in fear—rather than faith—when the storm hit their boat. The disciples aren't the only people to fall on hard times. Scripture is full of individuals, even followers of God, who endured storms. According to the following verses, how did these individuals respond to the storms in their life?
 - a. Job (**JOB 1:13-22**)
 - b. Jonah (**JONAH 4:5-11**)
 - c. Paul (**2 CORINTHIANS 11:21-31**)
 - d. Job's wife (**JOB 2:9-10**)
 - e. Habakkuk (**HABAKKUK 3:17-19**)

Which of their responses do you identify with the most? Why?

2. We aren't promised God's **PROTECTION FROM** storms, but we are promised His **PRESENCE IN** storms. Does your perspective of storms change knowing God is with you through them? If so, how?
3. Although the details of each storm you go through is unique, the Bible offers words of assurance and encouragement to some of the common storms humans face. What do the following verses offer us in the storms we face?
 - a. Fractured relationship (**COLOSSIANS 3:12-13**)
 - b. Rebellious children (**PROVERBS 22:6, EPHESIANS 6:4**)
 - c. Death (**1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**)
 - d. Financial loss (**PSALM 20:7, MATTHEW 6:33**)

Which passage above is most helpful for you?

Storms are difficult, confusing and often times cause us to ask, "Why?" Sometimes the answer is obvious; while often it's unclear. But for those who belong to the Lord, a promise is given in **ROMANS 8:28**. Looking back, with the perspective of hindsight, what are some of the lessons you've learned from some of the storms you've faced?

Based on your experience, how might you encourage someone else going through a difficult storm? (**2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-5**)