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2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land & sea, sunshine & storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, & by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

SERMON TEXT- Mark 4:35-41

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GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. Compare v40 with vv11, 13, 34. What other examples of this theme can you find in the Gospel? How is it resolved in *chl6*? Consider especially 8:14-21, 31-38; 9:14-41; 10:23-45
2. How does v41 show the disciples misunderstanding of 2:1-12; 2:23--3:6; 3:22-35?

EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Think back to 3-4 storms in your everyday life when you were losing your wits. How did God and fellow believers come to your aid? How did each situation resolve? What was surprising or unexpected about the solution? What did you learn about God’s ability to control daily life?
4. Put yourself in Job’s shoes for a moment. God finally personally answers your complaints against him & existence & the unfairness of the world. How does his answer in *Job 38:1-11* show that much more is going on than Job realizes, even if Job must suffer because of it? Despite the complexities of so-called free will (that we are able to do good or bad actions in everyday life), how does God make his case that he is caring for & showing mercy to his beloved creation? See all of 38:1--42:6; *Genesis 50:19-21; Romans 8:28-30; 1 Corinthians 2:9; James 1:22; 1 Peter 5:10*

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. Imagine, like Garfield the Cat, Mondays are the worst, & you could wish them away. What would that do, to say trash pick up on Mondays? How is a childish wishing away of all “storms” in life a recipe for ever-greater suffering? How does this help you speak in love & truth to others in their storms? Watch this clip from *Garfield & Friends s05e06*
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6. Perhaps inspired by this story, during personal counseling a counselor is often encouraged to take a NAP during someone else’s storm. That is, to be a Non-Anxious Presence, to keep their wits about them as they talk with the other person in crisis. Note: *this doesn’t minimize the other person’s sense of urgency, nor does it show disregard instead of caring.* How is Jesus non-anxious in the story? What does it show the disciples? How can you take a NAP like Jesus, to bring his peace that passes understanding (cf. v39; *John 20:19-23; Philippians 4:7*) to others who need it in their storms? How can you talk about that peace?

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Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Each miracle reveals an aspect of his authority

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The Creator is trustworthy to control his creation

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: & they were filled with great awe & said to one another,
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-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

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