

"THE RUSH OF THE WIND, CALMS EVERY STORM!"
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JUNE 20, 2021
JOB 38:1-11; 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13; MARK 4:35-41
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

We have all heard the expression, "The calm before the storm." We like the calm. We like living a life of `smooth sailing.' We also know storms are real. They surprise us. They are violent. They come and go without warning, leaving us in the aftermath to clean up the mess. If we knew what was coming, we might be better prepared. In our gospel today, Jesus is out in the boat with his friends. In the midst of a sudden storm, Jesus restores the calm. Jesus is the calm *in* the midst of every storm we encounter. Storms cannot be avoided or prevented. When we are ready and prepared, the anxiety, the damage may not be as severe. In the storms you face, trust Jesus is with you. Let us not be surprised! Jesus, brings calm to our roughest storms! Jesus restores the gift of faith, trusting we will sail smooth once again as we feel the rush of The Wind!

1. Even when storms of every kind are all too real, God makes known Jesus is our calm **IN** the midst of every kind of storm.
 - A. Storms of every kind surprise us. Jesus cannot prevent the storms we encounter. Job 38; 2 Corinthians 6:4-10; Mark 4:37
 - i. Storms of every kind are cruel and violent.
 - ii. Storms of every kind come and go, and then they leave us in the aftermath to clean up the mess.
 - iii. If we knew what was coming we might be better prepared.
 - B. Jesus can be trusted in the midst of every storm. Mark 4:38
 - C. Jesus alone will restore the calm and the sense of peace. Job 38; 2 Corinthians 6:2; Mark 4:39
2. As we encounter our days of smooth sailing, or as we get anxious while we watch a storm fast approaching, or when we find ourselves in the midst of what appears to be unbearable, let us feel the grace and hope of The Wind: Jesus is our **CALM** in the storm; we are not alone!
 - A. God makes known to us: Calm is in **Christ** trusting we are not alone, no matter the storm, or the journey. Mark 4:38

- B. God makes known to us: Calm is trusting the **Almighty** is more powerful than any storm. As we face life's circumstances, we can call on the One who overcomes all that overwhelms. Job 38; Mark 4:39
- C. God makes known to us: Calm is in **letting go**, when we stop trying to fight the storm, when we see those things outside of our control. Job 38; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2; Mark 4:40
- D. God makes known to us: Calm is complete as we **move** forward and **move** on, even though storms rage around us. Let us be like Job and not question. Let us like the disciples be restored and trust the calm of Christ in our midst.
- i. The winds in our lives will obey as we call on Christ, so let us declare calmness and do likewise. Mark 4:41
 - ii. In Jesus, God will calm our fear and restore our calm through faith. Mark 4:40
 - iii. Let us not be surprised by the rush of Christ's presence to our side. Job 38:4-6; 2 Corinthians 6:2; Mark 4:41
 - iv. With Jesus, feel a new sense of calm, as our lives and journey keep going forward, making known to all, we are not alone. 2 Corinthians 6:3; Mark 4:35-36;41