

# THE WIND CEASED

MARK 6:45-52, MATTHEW 6:22-33

Text:

Introduction:

The disciples had just finished participating in one of the Bible's greatest stories, "The feeding of the 5000." But notice their attitude prior to feeding these folks. They wanted to send them away. (Matt. 14:15)

All too often that is our attitude. Send them away. But Jesus feeds everyone, and when everyone was full each disciple took up a basket of food.

That brings us to our text. The Bible says that Jesus constrained his disciples to get on a ship. And while the ship was at sea some things began to happen. Let me say, Obedience does not guarantee any storms. However our attitude of obedience has a lot to do with the severity of the storm.

Notice with me:

# 1. THE CONSTRAINED DISCIPLES

- A. Jesus sent them away.
- B. The word constrained has as its meaning necessity.

# 2. THE CONTRARY WINDS

- A. Often times we can be doing that which the Lord would have us to do, and still a storm crops up.
- B. Jesus knew all the time that the storm was coming.
- C. The disciples tried to get themselves out of the storm instead of asking for the Lords help.

## **Mark 6:48**

<sup>48</sup> And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

- D. When the storms arise remember that Jesus is always near.

## **Mark 6:47**

<sup>47</sup> And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

E. Often times when the Lord is near we don't recognize Him.

**Mark 6:49-50**

<sup>49</sup> But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: <sup>50</sup> For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

### **3. THE CRY OF FEAR**

It's amazing that not many days earlier; they had a similar situation, while the Lord was on board. Now they're by themselves, and the storm begins to rage.

Again, they find themselves fighting for their life.

Remember- with some lessons are learned laggardly.

They had seen the Lord calm the storm earlier, they saw the Lord cast the demons from the man living in the graveyard, they had saw the Lord feed 5000 men with just a lad's lunch, but now they are alone and forgot all about the past working of the Lord.

We need to remember the times the Lord works so that when the storms come, and they will, we'll not respond like these men, but allow the storms to make us more dependent on Him.

A. Storms bring us to the point of dependence on God.

## 4. THE CEASED WINDS

A. This was what it took to work in the disciple's heart.

### **Mark 6:51-52**

<sup>51</sup> And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered. <sup>52</sup> For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

Close:

The most amazing aspect of this story, to me anyway, is verse 51.

### **Mark 6:51**

<sup>51</sup> And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

What amazes me the most is that we are just like the disciples. Our storms rage, we finally call upon the Lord, He stills the storm and we stand there with our mouths open and say "WOW!" And, all the while, He is waiting on us to call on Him.