

A Day in THE Life: Jesus gets in a boat.

Matthew 14, Mark 6 & John 6

A storm may not mean you are out of God's will.

📖 Matthew 14:22 (NIV) "Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd."

📖 Job 5:7 (NLT) "People are born for trouble as readily as sparks fly up from a fire."

📖 John 16:33 (NIV) "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

📖 Psalm 32:1–8 (NLT) "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! ² Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! ³ When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. ⁴ Day and night, your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. ⁵ Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. ⁶ Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. ⁷ For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory. ⁸ The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

A storm does not mean that God took His eyes off of you.

📖 Matthew 14:23–24 (NIV) "After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it."

📖 Mark 6:48 (NIV) "He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them."

📖 Hebrews 7:25 (NLT) "Therefore He is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through Him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf."

A storm may be what God uses to get to you.

📖 Matthew 14:25–27 (NIV) "During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

📖 Matthew 14:28–31 (NIV) "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?"

A storm loses power when God gets in.

📖 Matthew 14:32–33 (NIV) "And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

📖 Mark 6:50–51a (NIV) "Immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹ Then He climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down."

A storm will not prevent you from getting where God sent you.

📖 John 6:21 (NIV) "...they were willing to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading."

📖 John 6:25–29 (NIV) "When they found Him on the other side of the lake, they asked Him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On Him God the Father has placed His seal of approval." ²⁸ Then they asked Him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent."

 John 6:35–40 (NIV) “Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and He who believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of Him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of Him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that He has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise Him up at the last day.”

 John 6:51–54 (NIV) “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” ⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?” ⁵³ Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”

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- Celebrating God
- Teaching the Word of God

 Can you describe a time in your life when things quickly went from calm to chaotic? Is life pushing back on you right now? Is it enough to know that Jesus knows what you are going through and that He is praying for you? In what ways have you seen God use a difficulty in your life? What is calming about the presence of God? Will you trust the process—that God will get you to where God wants you to be?