



Three truths about storms:

- Storms will come to _____ . *1 Peter 4:12; Matthew 5:45*
- Jesus is _____ us in the storms.
- The reason for our storms is not as important as our _____ to them.

The Power of Perspective:

1. Storms shake our _____ and expose our _____.

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.

The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" Mark 4:35-38

- Your understanding of the _____ of God determines your response to Him in the storms of life.

2. God wants us to experience _____ in the storm more than _____ over the storm.

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Mark 4:39-40

- God wants some things for us that are more important than our comfort, _____ or health.

"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." John 16:33

3. It is only in the storm that we truly _____ who Jesus is.

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" Mark 4:41

Next Steps:

- Read James 1:2-44.
- Ask God to show you how to respond to "storms" in a way that will deepen your faith.
- Bring a friend next Sunday for Part 2 of "Surviving the Storm."