



## Storms

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**Psalms 34:19 (NKJV)** *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.*

**John 16:33 (NKJV)** *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

### Wishful Thinking vs. Faith

Wishful Thinking: I'll never face a problem.

Faith: No matter what comes my way, God is big enough to see me through.

### Three Types of Storms in Scripture

#### 1. The Jonah Storm

**Jonah 1:17b - 2:1 (ESV)** *...And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. 2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.*

Jonah got into his storm because of disobedience.  
He got out of his storm through repentance.

#### 2. The Disciples' Storm

**Mark 4:35-39 (NKJV)** *On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.*

The disciples got into their storm in the midst of perfect obedience.  
They got out of their storm through spiritual authority.

**Jesus did not** ask which of the disciples had sinned to cause the storm; He did not presume that someone's disobedience caused it.

**Jesus did not** expect the disciples to passively yield to the storm because God, in His sovereignty, had sent it to teach them something.

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They got out of their storm through spiritual authority—speaking the Word with boldness.

#### 3. Paul's Storm

**Acts 27:9b-12 (NKJV)** ...Paul advised them, saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives." Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul. And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also...

We want a drive-through breakthrough.

**Acts 27:20-25 (NKJV)** Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up. But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

1. Paul could have gotten angry with God.
2. Paul could have lost hope and slipped into despair along with everyone else.  
"Hope deferred makes the heart sick." —Proverbs 13:12
3. Paul could have held resentment against the people who put him in that position.

Paul got into his storm because of the disobedience of others.  
He got out of his storm through perseverance and trusting God.  
The greatest battles are never the outward storms but the inward ones. All great wars are fought within our own self. If we can conquer the inward storms, the external storms can never defeat us.

**Jonah:** Stubbornness, rebellion, and prejudice

**The Disciples:** Fear

**Paul:** Hopelessness and the temptation to hold resentment

Jonah overcame his storm, his hindrance, and he got to Nineveh.

The disciples overcame their storm, their hindrance, and they got to the other side.

Paul overcame his storm, his hindrance, and he made it to Rome.

And I believe you are going to overcome your storm, your hindrance, and get to your divine destination!