



I. SETTING THE SCENE

1. The crowd's "Messiah Mania"
2. The disciples' defiance and then compliance
3. The Lord's unusual absence
4. The horrific storm
5. The Lord's unexpected appearance
6. The attempt by Peter to walk on the water
7. The miraculous rescue

II. WAYS TO OBEY WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND

1. Obedience may put me where I don't want to be

Three purposes for God allowing storms into my life:

- Direction
- Maturation
- Correction

2. Jesus always sees and cares about what I am going through – even when I can't see Him

Where could I go to escape from you? Where could I get away from your presence? If I went up to heaven, you would be there; if I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there. If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west, you would be there to lead me, you would be there to help me.

Psalm 139:7-10 (TEV)

3. The Lord prays for me – when I can't pray for myself

But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

4. Whatever I am afraid of is under the “feet” - the authority and control - of Jesus

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Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31 (NLT)

5. My greatest need is not to work harder – but rather to trust more

He [God] stretches out the heavens by himself and walks on the waves of the sea.

Job 9:8 (GOD'S WORD)

You made a way through the sea and paths through the deep waters, but your footprints were not seen.

Psalm 77:19 (NCV)