

5. Think of a storm you're in or have experienced. What are you learning or did you learn about God as a result?

6. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO CARE NET

From Mother's Day to Father's Day we are joining the larger church community in Concord in supporting Care Net pregnancy center and their mission to serve families in need. See [CORNERSTONENH.ORG/CARENET](https://cornerstonenh.org/carenet) for details.

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Growth Guide

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

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LIFE. BETTER.

*FOLLOWING JESUS MAKES LIFE BETTER
AND MAKES YOU BETTER AT LIFE.*

TODAY'S MESSAGE STORMS

TODAY: STORMS • PSALM 107:23-32, MARK 4:35-41

THE BOTTOM LINE

DON'T GIVE _____, _____ OUT!

The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?" – Mark 4:38b NLT

THE ONE WHO RULES & CALMS THE RAGING STORM

You rule the surging of the sea; When its waves rise, You calm them. – Psalm 89:9 NASB

He calmed the storm to a whisper and stilled the waves.
– Psalm 107:29 NLT

Both of these Psalms are describing the power of the LORD, the God of Israel. From the first words of the Hebrew Scriptures in Genesis 1:2, the waters of the sea represent chaos, disorder, and danger. Part of the Lord's greatness is his ruling over and conquering the raging seas.

THREE "GREATS" & THREE QUESTIONS

WE _____ STORMS

But soon a **fierce storm** came up. – Mark 4:37a NLT

The New Testament was written in common or *koine* (COY-nay) Greek. Three things are described with the Greek word *mega* in this passage: the storm, the calm after the storm, and the fear of the disciples *after* Jesus calmed the storm and the seas.

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. – 1 Peter 4:12 NIV

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. – John 16:33b NIV

The disciples woke him up, shouting, **“Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?”** – Mark 4:38b NLT

WE USE STORMS AS A _____ TO CRY OUT
_____ TO LOSE HOPE

“Lord, help!” they cried in their trouble, – Psalm 107:28a NLT

Suddenly the wind stopped and there was a **great calm**.
– Mark 4:39b NLT

Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid?
Do you still have no faith?” – Mark 4:40 NLT

When Jesus asks the disciples why they are afraid, the word is a less common word for fear emphasizing dread. It usually has a negative connotation and elsewhere is used for timidity and even cowardice. However, it is used with a positive meaning...when it stands for the awe with which we regard the Lord. Like worship, this awe properly belongs to the Lord and nothing or no one else.

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WE CAN EXPECT TO KNOW THE LORD
_____ AFTER THE STORM

The disciples were **absolutely terrified**. – Mark 4:41a NLT

“Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!” – Mark 4:41b NLT

“Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. – Matthew 10:28 NLT

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care.
– Matthew 10:29 NIV

THE CHALLENGE

USE THE STORMS OF LIFE AS A PROMPT:
DON’T GIVE _____ , _____ OUT!

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.
TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the questions highlighted in **bold**.

- 1. What’s a storm you’re currently experiencing or concerned about?**
- 2. “We expect storms.” In what ways might this be encouraging or helpful to you?**
3. Review the first and second questions in the focus passage, found in Mark 4:38b and Mark 4:40. How are the two questions related?
4. Review Psalm 89:9 and Psalm 107:29, and the disciples observation at the end of Mark 4:41b. What conclusion are we intended to draw in answer to the third question at the beginning of Mark 4:41b?