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Mark 6:45-56

Learning to Weather the Storm

1. What makes you most anxious and fearful these days?
2. Think of people in your life who seem calm and courageous in the face of storms in their lives. What do they seem to have in common?
3. Read verses 45-48. Kevin taught that storms come both as a result of disobedience and as a result of obedience. Who are some people in the Bible who faced storms because of their obedience? Can you relate a time when you faced a storm because of your obedience?
4. Jesus reveals his deity by identifying as "I Am" in verse 50b. What does it mean to you that Jesus....
 - A. **Sees you** in your storm (v. 48)
 - B. **Hears you** in your storm (vv. 49-50a)
 - C. **Is present with you** in your storm (v. 50b)
5. Read Isaiah 43:1-3 aloud. Discuss the images in these verses. What in this passage encourages you most when you consider your personal storm?

But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine. (Verse 1)

***When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze. (Verse 2)***

***For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your stead. (Verse 3)***

6. Read verses 51-52. Discuss the warning signs of how hearts might become hardened to the kingdom of God.
7. Read verses 53-56. Consider the possibility that God uses us for ministry on the other side of our own personal storm. Share a story of how you saw God redeem the storm and use it for ministry.
8. Spend some time praying for each other as you face your personal storms in light of this encouraging passage.