

Choose

Mark 5-6

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Foundational Choice: Deuteronomy 30:19-20 and Mark 8:27-29

We believe God is very serious about the need to “Choose”.

Mark 4:35-41

- Disciples appeared to be more terrified of the calm than they were of the storm
- However, this is power under the _____ of the love and wisdom of God

Jesus and Jonah - Matthew 12:38-41 and Jonah 1:13-16

One Major Difference

- Jonah was being _____ - Jesus was the ultimate in obedience

Many “surface” similarities

- Both were _____
- Both were big storms experienced sailors couldn't handle
- Miraculous _____
- Both groups of “sailors” experienced _____ of the Lord

Greater comparison

- Three _____ days
- The ultimate _____
- What a Savior!

How this relates to us:

- 1) Our lives have storms. Jesus is the Lord of this storm. He can be the Lord of our storms as well.
- Jesus was faithful during the ultimate storm - the storm that will kill and condemn us for all eternity. If He can be faithful during that, He certainly is faithful in the other storms we might face.
- 2) **Informs us of the true nature of faith**
- The ultimate issue is not about the _____ but about who or what we put our faith in. Who or what is the object of your faith?

Choose

“Who is this?”

Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

Reread Mark 4:35-41:

- What are some of the things you “like” about the passage?
- What are some of the things that are troubling to you in this passage?
- What do you think God might be saying to you as you look over this passage?

Have you ever felt like Jesus was “asleep in the boat” as you faced some storms? Has He made Himself known to you at some point either during or after the storms?

As you think about it, does it strike you that the storms just “stopped” immediately? Does it seem a bit overwhelming? What do you think of the disciples appearing to be more terrified of the calm than they were of the storm itself?

Do you think Jesus could have stopped the ultimate storm (the cross) if He had so chosen? Why do you think He didn't?

Who or what do you think is the primary “object” of your faith?

What is your main “take-away” from this week? How do you plan to live that out?

Review the other scripture presented in this week's sermon and think about what God might be teaching you? (Note: these might be different than what was presented in the sermon.)

Read Chapters 5 & 6 of Mark in preparation for next week.

