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## Confidence in the Chaos

Mark 4:35-41

Series: Getting In on the Good News  
The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

### Central Passage

**Mark 4:40–41 (ESV)** — **40** He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

**Central Thought:** We get in on the good news when we anchor our confidence in Jesus as the Lord of the wind and the waves of nature and the seeming chaos of life, and recognize that we are never alone or at the mercy of circumstances.

### Of Storms and Chaos...

- ❖ Jesus often guides us into the heart of the storm. (vs. 35)
  - Leading us from comfort and security toward new horizons of faith and faithfulness to God’s kingdom purposes.

**John 11:14–16 (ESV)** — **14** Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, **15** and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” **16** So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” (See also John 11:6-13)

- ❖ Jesus is present and at peace in the middle of the chaos of the storms of our lives. (vs. 37-38)

- Even when we think he’s abandoned us.

**Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)** — **18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**”

- ❖ Jesus is in complete control of the situation and is working for God’s glory and our good. (vs. 39-40)

- Our job is to resist the urge to freak out and take over.

**Hebrews 13:5–6 (ESV)** — **5** Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**” **6** So we can confidently say, “**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?**”

- ❖ We are frequently afraid of the wrong things. (vs. 41)\

- Or, mis-place our confidence.

**Proverbs 9:10 (ESV)** — **10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

**Matthew 10:28–31 (ESV)** — **28** And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. **30** But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **31** Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. (See also Luke 12:13-21)