

CROSSOVER TO TAKE OVER

Matthew 14:22-36

You cannot conquer what you will not confront.

What's the Lord's desire for you and me? It's time to make the crossover - to go to the other side (v 22). Now is the time to "CROSSOVER TO TAKEOVER."

Question: Why Jesus did not cause the storm to cease?

I. PURPOSE – In the MIND of God

Mark 6:48 tells us Jesus "intended to **pass** them **by**" on the water. The verb "to pass by" ("*parerchomai*" in the Septuagint) refers to a "theophany" – those defining moments when God made "striking and temporary appearances on earth for the purpose of communicating a message." Examples: Exodus 33:22; 1 Kings 19:11

There is a pattern to these stories:

- God desires to reveal His PRESENCE.
- God was calling them to do something extraordinary – to reveal His POWER.

Today He wants you to walk in authority over the very thing that is terrifying you. There's a purpose in the mind of God. But what must you do in the midst of the storm so that you can crossover to take over?

II. PLAN – In the MIDST of the storm

2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose heart are **fully committed** to Him..." Fully committed to God in:

- God's **WORD**
- God's **VISION**

1. God's WORD (Jeremiah 29:11)

Personal testimony: Psalm 118:17 "I will not die but live, and tell what the LORD has done."

2. God's VISION

You SEE yourself as what GOD SAY You are? (Slide of "Cat")

CONCLUSION

Kevin Carter winning the 1994 Pulitzer Prize.
Go M.A.D. (Make A Difference) in your world.

Quote by E Stanley Jones

"My life in my hand is a pain and a problem. My life in God's hand is a power and a possibility."