*Series: The Mark of the Gospel*

In the Middle of the Storm

**Mark 4:35-41**

Storm: a violent disturbance with strong winds, and usually rain, lightning, thunder or snow; a tumultuous reaction, an uproar or controversy.

Do you have a childhood memory of a strong storm? Do you recall your feelings?

Can you relate to the reactions of the disciples in this story?

1) Doubting God’s care – vs. 38

2) Fear – vs. 40

3) Lack of faith – vs. 40

4) Being terrified at His power – vs. 41

Think about a ‘storm’ you have gone through, or one you are currently facing, while pondering these words of Jesus to his disciples:

**John 16:33** “In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world.”

Be honest: do you wish he had not said that?

Would you really prefer a life with no troubles at all?

Would you be more likely to love and worship a God who promised a life without any problems?

If you knew your ‘storm’ would be calmed in 5 minutes, would you still panic?