

The God of The Sudden

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Key Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

- Sometimes life happens quickly. Storms arise, trials come. Life is sudden sometimes. But Jesus is the God of the sudden. And He is God in your circumstances, as well.
- **Mark 4:35-37** ³⁵ As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." ³⁶ So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). ³⁷ But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

Lessons from the storm:

- 1. There is no _____ against the _____.**
 - Just because you're with Jesus doesn't mean you're exempt from storms.
 - **Matthew 28:20b** I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
 - **Deuteronomy 31:6** So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.
- 2. Sometimes it may seem that God isn't _____.**
 - **Mark 4:38** Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"
 - "Sometimes the silence of God is God's highest thought."
 - **Psalms 46:10** Be still, and know that I am God!
- 3. Sometimes our _____ can replace our _____.**
 - **Mark 4:39-40** When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
 - **2 Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.
 - "Lord, remind me that there's nothing I'll face today that you and I can't handle together."
 - One key reminder: Storms don't _____.
 - **Acts 2:17** It shall come to pass.
- 4. The God of the sudden is _____ in _____.**
 - **Mark 4:41** The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"
 - **Isaiah 43:1b-3a** "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. ² When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.