

## **From pastors desk**

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**TITLE: THE STORM OF LIFE TEXT: MARK 4:35-39**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In the above passage we see Jesus asking his disciples to board a board and go yonder. The Bible says the disciples accepted and they set on their Journey. We are reminded by the Bible that Jesus went as he was, there were other boats in the same waters. There was a storm of wind, Jesus was in the rear of the boat comfortably sleeping on a pillow and it was in the evening after he had been preaching all day. Look at the unfolding event in this scene:

- V.35 It is evening
- V.36. The multitudes he had been preaching to have gone away and now he is as he was since morning.  
(No changing into new clothes, no going out of the boat).
- V.36B. In the same waters there were also other boats with of course occupants
- V.37. Now a great storm of wind invades not the disciples and Jesus but the whole lake. This calamity seized the boat in which Jesus was and asleep till it was full of the waves! Alas!!
- V.38 Surprisingly Jesus was too comfortable during this calamity! He was at the rear (hidden) of the boat and sleeping on a pillow!! Just imagine. At times God seem to be sleeping when we are in a caught up.
- V.39 The disciples threatened with death and frightened charged towards the rear of the boat and found Jesus was not caring!! Does he?
- V.40 Weeeh!! Jesus woke up, rebuked the storm of wind and ordered the lake to be calm and it was so that evening.

Our lives meet storms. Like the ones met by the disciples but in different ways. We may not be in a boat but we shall meet these storms. No matter how much we may be experienced in any way of our lives there will Come a time when you will fall into these predicaments and storms of life will arrest you. If you have not been there expect to be there. The disciples were experienced Fishermen who handled situations successfully but this time it was beyond their Experience.

Life has three types of storms that are experienced by human beings despite of their positions in life. Let us look at them:

### **Situational Storms**

This is when circumstances go wrong in one's life. You would start your day in a good note then proceed into a night more of life situations. For example you may wake up in the morning on your way to work and you hurt your toe. You feel pain but you move on. Soon after you see a cat cross ahead of you and you remember it is a taboo according to your tribe belief; you proceed to work and you find a termination letter with all your benefits in a well neat cheque with you as the drawer. You partially thank God for the benefits but you start pondering your new life. School fees, the mortgage, the house rent, the transport home and the list is endless. In the cause you attempt to cross the road and you are hit by a vehicle and the next thing you see is the roof of a hospital with nurses and doctors around you frantically trying to save your life. What come to your mind when you gain conscious are your termination benefits

and your hospital bill. The bill comes and has consumed all your benefits and you need even more money to pay so that your release can be secured. OOH! NO. This is a storm of life called situational storm.