

**INTRODUCTION:****4:30-34 The Parable Of The Mustard Seed**

Jesus uses the image of something small to teach us about something larger than we can comprehend. In comparing the Kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed, Jesus was using a powerful illustration. The Lord makes use of another similitude to describe the character of the kingdom. Like faith in the heart, the church and kingdom of God in this world began as a very small thing. Those who were chosen to be the foundational apostles of Christ's kingdom were poor, unlettered fishermen. Thus we have the work of preaching the Word; the responsibility of the laborers to whom the Lord would entrust it during His absence. This parable here was prophetic. He was telling His disciples not to despise the day of small things. Though it appeared a small, despicable thing, like the mustard seed, the Lord here prophesied that His Church would become a great, large Kingdom. He said, *'as the mustard plant grows o be the greatest of all herbs, so shall my church grow to be the greatest of all kingdoms.'*

**LESSON:****I. MARK 4:35-36**

**4:35** And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over to the other side. When darkness fell, Jesus says to His disciples, *"Let us go over to the other side"*,

**4:36** And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. While they guided the boat, Jesus lay fast asleep in the rear of the boat. He was weary from the business of the day. Apparently Christ took no notice of their situation. And there were also with him other little ships. <sup>1</sup>Jesus' ministry attracted not only His immediate disciples but also other followers and onlookers. Sometimes, following Jesus requires us to leave the crowd behind. This can mean stepping away from popular opinion or societal pressures to follow His path. The presence of other boats signifies that we are not alone in our journey of faith. We are part of a larger community of believers who are also following Jesus.

**II. MARK 4:37-38**

**4:37** And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. The disciples were not expecting a storm, and yet they're going into the midst of a great storm in which the Lord allowed! The message that it gives us right away is that this raging sea is a picture of the storms of life through which all believers are called to pass. The servant is not greater than his Lord. We must take up our crosses and go down the same road and face the same

<sup>1</sup> <https://biblehub.com/mark/4-36.htm>

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**storms.** We must be in the same boat. This was no ordinary storm. It was fierce! The waves were beating against the ship, and filling up with water. We are no match when it comes to the element of a body of water. Even the greatest of swimmers are no match. This was transparent to us in the recent death of Malcom Jamal Warner who drowned in a raging body of water in Costa Rica as he swam. Only Jesus' power can calm this storm. These are ordinary fishermen and they are about to see the power of God!

**4:38** And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow, and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?— This shows Jesus' humanity by sleeping during a storm because He's exhausted. But they're about to see His Divinity as they wake Him. They call upon Him, and awake Him by cries, which He answers in grace. The Lord allows the storms so that our faith would grow stronger in the tests. If we enter the satanic storm, and the Master seems to be sleep, it's a test, it's a test of our faith. They had some faith in Jesus to even say *"Master, do you not care that we perish?"* They seen Him work miracles, so they turned to the right One! They've seen Him (1) heal a man with an unclean spirit (Mk.1:23-28). (2) Healing Peter's mother-in-law (Mk.1:29-34). (3) Healing a paralyzed man (Mk.2:1-12). (4) Healed the man with the withered hand Mk.3:1-6). Now we come to (5) the calming of the storm (Mk.4:35-41). This would be the 5<sup>th</sup> miracle by Jesus in the Book of Mark.

## III. MARK 4:39-40

**4:39** And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Three things happened: 1. He got up. 2. He rebuked the chaos of the wind. 3. He said/ spoke to the sea. All He says is *"Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm."* A great storm became a great calm! He is the Creator over all! The wind and the sea know Jesus' voice and will obey. We as Christians following after Him know His voice, and will not follow after another, for we are His sheep also created by Him!

**4:40** And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is that ye have no faith?— And at the same time He rebukes the disciples' unbelief. Two questions He wants them to ponder over: **Why are ye so fearful? How is that ye have no faith?** They had some faith, but their faith had to grow. They had to step it up! And they couldn't be fearful being on the same ship with their Master. In this Christian journey, we've got to believe **Isaiah 41:10** *"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God, I will strengthen you; I will surely help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"* (BSB). This verse helps me a lot! If you're in the boat with Jesus, stay in the boat. But if He tells you to get out of the boat, then He wants you to go deeper! Faith had everything to do with them believing that they would come to no harm because Jesus was in the boat with them.

## IV. MARK 4:41

**4:41** And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?— *"They feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*(v41)

**POINT:**



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*That's the way life is too! Things can be fine one moment and the next, the bottom falls out. One minute you can be enjoying fair weather and the next, you find yourself in the middle of a terrible and horrible storm. One phone call, one twenty-four hour period of time, one doctor visit, one tick of the clock, and there you are, in the storm of your life.*

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## SUMMARY:

**35** When darkness fell, Jesus says to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." **36** So they left the crowd and took Jesus along since He was already in the boat. And there was the presence of other boats with Him. (Jesus lay fast asleep in the rear of the boat). **37** The disciples were not expecting a storm, and yet they were headed into the midst of a great storm that the Lord allowed. The waves were so fiercely beating against the ship, and filling it up with water. **38** They find Jesus in the rear of the ship, asleep on a pillow. They wake Him, and asks, "Master, do you not care that we perish?" **39** At this time Jesus got up, rebukes the wind, and speaks to the sea, and there is a great calm. He says "Peace, be still. And the wind ceased." **40** However, at the same time Jesus rebukes their unbelief, and says to them, "Why are ye so fearful? How is that ye have no faith?" **41** "They feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" **(4:35-41).**