

Mark 6:45-56

Trusting Jesus in the Storm

# Interesting Similarity

The Greek OT of Exodus 14, Israel going through The Red Sea, supplies 32 of the 139 words in the Greek NT of the disciples going through the Sea of Galilee .

Jesus commanded His disciples to go through the sea.

Jesus sent the crowds away.

-Materialist: Focused mainly on tangible, physical benefits.

-Consumer Christian: Sees faith as a means to have personal needs met, rather than as a call to deeper commitment to obedience and service.

-Conditional follower: Engages with faith as long as physical needs are satisfied.

John 6:66

From that time, many of His disciples went back, and walked with Jesus no more.

His disciples were straining/  
tormented at the 4<sup>th</sup> watch (3am-  
6am) in the darkest time, and the  
wind was against them.

Mark 6:48 (Incredible verse)

When Jesus saw His disciples  
1) straining at the oars, 2) the  
wind was against them, 3) at the  
4<sup>th</sup> watch....

He came to them....

...intended to pass by them

Praise grows on the mountaintops

Faith grows in the storms

The main point of Mark 6:45-56 is to reveal Jesus' divine authority and to challenge us to trust Him, especially when circumstances are difficult and His presence is not immediate.

He saw them and came to them  
He (παρελθεῖν) was to “pass by” them  
Ex 33:22,34:6-Moses/1 Kings 19:11-Elijah

When “pass by” is used with divinity, it implies an epiphany.

This “passing by” (παρελθεῖν) is to show God’s people in crisis, the glory of God.

How can I remain faithful in the storm,  
in the trial, in the test, in the fear?

Remember the command of Jesus.

“Take courage, (ἐγὼ εἰμι) do not fear”

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is  
impossible to please God, for whoever  
comes to Him must believe that He  
exists.

The waves and the wind and sickness  
and pain all, still know His name.

Every single problem this world can  
offer, no matter the impossibility of  
solving, is conquered by

JESUS CHRIST THE LORD

Because with The Lord, ALL things are  
possible