

When the Waters Seem Overwhelming

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.”

Isaiah 43:2

Introduction:

Sometimes God _____

Like Noah; Genesis Chapters 6-8

“The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.” Genesis 7:17-18

Sometimes God _____

Like with Moses & The Israelites Exodus Chapter 14

“Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.” Exodus 14:21-22

Sometimes God Invites Us To

Like Peter Matthew 14:22-33

“He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him...”

Matthew 14:29-31

Sometimes God _____

Like Jonah Chapter 2

“For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.” Jonah 2:3

“He has broken my strength in midcourse.” Psalm 102:23

Sometimes God

Like Paul in Acts Chapter 27

“He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.” Acts 27:43-44

Sometimes God _____

Like the Merchants in Psalm 107:23-32

“For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.” Psalm 107:25

The Final Words

“Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.” Psalm 107:30

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”

Revelation 21:1

Questions for Consideration

What Storms has God brought you through in your life? How did he do so? What Storm do you feel you are in the midst of right now? How do you see God’s presence in the midst of this storm?

What is your personal “safety boat”—i.e. where are you tempted to run for safety apart from God’s provision?