

God allows storms because of sin:

Sin in our _____

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God allows storms to get our attention:

_____ in the cave

God provides storms to teach us and help us grow and have an encounter with him:

_____ in the boat

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Standing in the Face of the Storm!

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1. Stand _____
 - a. Vs. 28 – Peter did not stand up before he saw _____.
 - b. _____ is when we realize Jesus never moved and is waiting for us.

2. Stand _____
 - a. Vs. 28-29 – Peter did not _____ out before he asked Jesus
 - b. Eph 6:13 *Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.* ¹⁴Stand firm then...

3. Stand in _____
 - a. Vs. 30 - Peter did not stand in faith until he _____ on to Jesus
 - b. Sometimes the best way to stand is to _____

There are too many times we race for the rainbow. We are ...

- Too quick for the calm
- Too quick to fall back on old habits
- Too quick to grab the oars in our own hands
- Too quick to run for cover

If we run and hide from the storm
we miss the Encounter with God –