

Opening prayer

Welcome, how's the week been? Anyone want to share something about themselves?

Rise from the Storms. Matt 8:23-27/Mark 4:35-41/Luke 8:22-25

What is this story being told?

Jesus has decided to take a nap. He had to know that the storm was coming. Why was Jesus able to sleep so well?

Was Jesus' response fair? Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples? Are we not supposed to go to God with our concerns? Are we supposed to trust God to the point of actually drowning?

What makes Jesus the perfect mediator in an event like this? Hebrews 2:14-18

Adversity, trials, troubles, pain, hurt, even drowning are part of our lives. It is even guaranteed, John 16:33/Deut 31:8. Why would anyone sign up for getting a "target" painted on them?

James 1: 2-3, 1:12

How much do you enjoy those times of "shaping" and "molding"?

Would you be willing to share a time that you have walked, or are presently walking through, some type of adversity. How did God Intercede? What is your "real" way of walking through the adversity?

Jesus has promised that he would be with us through times of trouble. He said those times were inevitable, no way around them. Without Christ it is totally up to use. Even with Christ it sometimes feels that way. Let's leave here tonight encouraged that God can calm the storms. Not really sure if he will though. Either way He loves us and desires a closer relationship with us. Practice daily prayer and thanksgiving, especially when things are good. Maybe that way we will at least have our communication lines up and running when the unexpected comes our way.

Prayer request time:

Anyone want to share answered prayer?

Anyone want to ask for prayer, whether for them or someone else.

Closing prayer.