

# But God: But God Says, Trust Me In The Storms Of Life!

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### But God, Pt. 2

**Mark 4:35**, *That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, don't You care if we drown?" 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" 41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"*

#### Key Verse:

**Mark 4:40**, *He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"*

#### Application Points:

- Christians Are Not Exempt From The **STORMS OF LIFE**.
- Experiencing Trials Is Not An Indication Of God's **DISCIPLINE** Or **DISFAVOR**.
- God Can Calm Whatever Storm You Are **FACING**.
- Fear And Anxiety Are Always The Result Of A **LACK OF FAITH**.
- Storms Produce Great **LEARNING EXPERIENCES**.

## **Three Don'ts For Getting Through Life's Storms:**

### **1 - Don't Ever Face Your Storms ALONE**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9**, *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

### **2 - Don't Be Stubborn Or GET STUCK**

**2 Kings 5:10**, *Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." 11 But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy... 13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.*

**Hebrews 3:7**, *"Today, if you hear His voice, 8 do not harden your hearts..."*

### **3 - Don't Miss The LEARNING OPPORTUNITY**

**James 1:2**, *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

## **Three Do's For Getting Through Life's Storms:**

### **1 - Remember God's Love FOR YOU**

**Ephesians 3:17**, *...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...*

## **2 - Set Your Hearts And Minds On ETERNAL THINGS**

**Colossians 3:1**, *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*

## **3 - Trust God And KEEP MOVING**

**Exodus 14:13**, *Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." 15 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the Israelites to move on.*

### **Next Steps:**

-Text the word "Series" to 77978 to get series updates and notes.

-Guest and Visitors "Meet and Greet" with the Staff after each service at the Connect Wall.

-If you haven't downloaded our Cottonwood Creek Worship Team's new song "But God" go to: <https://ccfam.ly/ButGodMP3>