

THE SERVANT KING

Mark 4:35-5:20

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Message Summary.

Jesus crosses into chaos, speaks peace over panic, breaks chains of bondage, restores dignity to the broken, and redeploys the redeemed. He turns storms into stories and survivors into storytellers.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Mark 4:35-41 | Jesus crosses the lake, rebukes the storm, and reveals His divine authority over creation.

Mark 5:1-20 | Jesus confronts a legion of demons, restores a man's dignity, and sends him as a witness to his community.

John 16:33 | "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

2 Corinthians 5:17 | In Christ, we are made new.

Philippians 1:6 | He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion.

Start Talking.

1. What word would describe your internal weather forecast right now, and why? (sunny, cloudy, storm watch, etc.)
2. When have you seen Jesus bring peace into a situation that felt out of control?

Start Thinking.

- Read Mark 4:35-41. What do you notice about the disciples' fear and Jesus' response?
- Why do you think Jesus invited His followers to cross to "the other side" instead of staying in a safe, familiar place?
- Read Mark 5:1-20. What stands out to you about how Jesus treated the man who had been chained and isolated?
- How does this passage show the heart of the Servant King and His mission to move toward chaos, not away from it?

Start Sharing.

1. What "storm" or "other side" are you currently facing that feels risky or uncomfortable?
2. What has Jesus recently spoken to calm your fears or doubts?
3. Have you ever seen Jesus restore someone's dignity or rewrite their story? What impact did that have on you?
4. If you were to share your "mercy story" (before Jesus, then Jesus, now Jesus) in one minute, what would you say?

Start Praying.

Jesus, You cross into our chaos with compassion and power. Speak peace to what panics us. Break the chains that bind us. Restore our dignity where shame has spoken too loudly. Redeploy us as storytellers of mercy in the places You've already prepared. With You, our storms become Your stories. Amen.

Start Doing.

- Identify your "other side," a person, place, or step you've avoided, and cross over with Jesus.
- Practice Peace. Set a daily alarm labeled "Peace. Be still." Pause to pray for one person in a storm.
- Take a tangible step toward freedom: join a group, call a counselor, confess to a friend, or delete what chains you.
- Treat yourself as one restored: rest, eat, serve, or rejoin the community.
- Share one of your own short "mercy stories" with one person this week. You never know who's waiting on the far shore of your testimony.