



## HE CAME TO THEM WALKING ON THE SEA, PART 2

MARK 6:45-52

*A similar and contrasting crisis in a storm;*

### **JONAH 1:12**

<sup>12</sup> He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you."

*The testimony of every believer;*

### **ACTS 14:22**

<sup>22</sup> ...through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

### **HEBREWS 12:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> *For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.* <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

### **2 TIMOTHY 3:12**

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

**The same voice that commanded them to sit in the green grass and be fed also summons this storm**

*Jesus sends them into the storm to prevent further sin;*

### **2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> *So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh,* a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### **1 SAMUEL 27:1-2; 29:1, 4**

<sup>1</sup> Then David said in his heart, "Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any longer within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his hand." <sup>2</sup> So David arose and went over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath...<sup>1</sup> Now the Philistines had gathered all their forces at Aphek. *And the Israelites were encamped by the spring that is in Jezreel...* <sup>3</sup> the commanders of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews doing here?" And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul, king of Israel, who has been with me now for days and years, and since he deserted to me I have found no fault in him to this day." <sup>4</sup> *But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him. And the commanders of the Philistines said to him, "Send the man back, that he may return to the place to which you have assigned him. He shall not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For how could this fellow reconcile himself to his lord? Would it not be with the heads of the men here?"*

### **2 KINGS 20:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet...came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover.'" <sup>2</sup> Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Now, O LORD, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. <sup>4</sup> ... the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>5</sup> "Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the leader of

my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake."

**ISAIAH 39:2**

<sup>2</sup> And Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. And he showed them his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his whole armory, all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.

## Two disturbing commonalities among Christians experiencing intense affliction

### 1. "The Lord seems distant and unconcerned about my troubles"

*Does God hide His face from believers, or does He only seem to?;*

**HEBREWS 13:5**

<sup>5</sup> ...he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

**ISAIAH 8:17**

<sup>17</sup> I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him.

**PSALM 44:24** (See also; Deut. 32:20; Ps. 88:14-15; Ps. 10:1-11; Ps. 104:29)

<sup>24</sup> Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

*Why does God (seem to) hide His face from believers?;*

1. To teach our heart of the preciousness of His presence, that we may long for His nearness

**EPHESIANS 1:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, *may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him*, <sup>18</sup> *having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know [the spiritual blessings found in Christ]...*

**PSALM 34:18**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted...

2. To remind the believer of the desperate condition from which we are saved

**EPHESIANS 2:12**

<sup>12</sup> *Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

### 2. "Intense afflictions bring to the surface sins that I thought were long-dead"

**LUKE 10:39**

<sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

**JOHN 11:20**

<sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.