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Matthew 14:22-34

No one gets through life without trials. Realistically, you are currently in a storm, just getting out of one, or about to enter a turbulent time. That is the bad news. Thankfully, we serve a good God who provides—even through dark times.

Today's passage tells of a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus provides for us today just as He did for His disciples in that unsettling situation. Today, we will focus on ways that He does this.

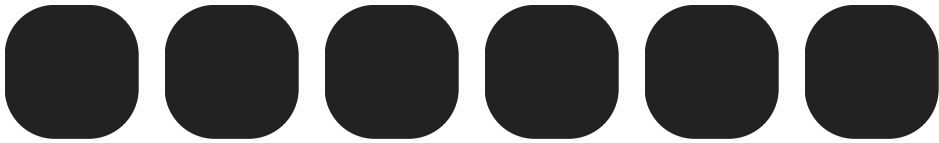
- *The Father offers Christians His presence and the promise that He will never leave ([Heb. 13:5-6](#)). To the extent we are mindful of these wonderful provisions, we are able to live with a sense of comfort and courage, regardless of our circumstances. What an amazing gift!*
- *The Lord blesses His children with a pathway through trouble. He is in total control of our storm and will use the trial for His purpose. We may not understand, but we can trust His hand to guide us and accomplish good. Sometimes the reason or benefit of a difficulty becomes obvious, while in other cases, it may never be clear.*
- *The Father offers believers the potential to grow. Hardships serve as exercises in trust, and they allow us to learn more fully how great God's power and love are.*

No one enjoys trials. But remember to express gratitude for God's hand in your life. Hardships offer the chance to trust your Creator and know Him better. Even though they are painful, don't waste the opportunity trials offer to become all the Lord has planned for you.

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