



## LORD, I NEED A MIRACLE WHEN THERE'S NO MORE STABILITY IN LIFE!

Lesson 5 • John 6:16- 21

### BACKGROUND TO THE FIFTH SIGN – JOHN 6:16-19

- **When?** *“Now when evening came...and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea...It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles....” (6:16-19a)*
  
- **Where?** *“...and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum...The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing...they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat... immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.” (6:16-19a, 21)*
  
- **Who?** *“...Jesus had not yet come to them...they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat and they were frightened.” (6:16, 19)*
  - 1) The **SOVEREIGN SAVIOR**  
*Jesus the All-Providing King who refuses to become a king by force and does not always show up when His true followers think He should!*
  
  - 2) Those with **SAVING FAITH**  
*The Twelve Disciples who follow Him and truly believe but still have much to learn about WHO JESUS really is and HOW saving faith trusts even in the storms of life and yet one of them is the devil himself!*
  
  - 3) One with **NO FAITH / SATANIC WORKS**  
*Judas who will ultimately betray Jesus, who saw Him do so much, and yet rejected the Gospel, which he heard so often. (6:70-71)*
  
- **What's the point?** *“But He said to them, ‘It is I (I AM!); do not be afraid.’ So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.” (6:20-21)*

### WE NEED A MIRACLE WHEN THE STORMS OF LIFE THREATEN THE STABILITY OF OUR FAITH!

## 1. THE SIGN PERFORMED: JESUS IS THE I AM GOD WHO DRAWS NEAR IN THE STORMS OF LIFE TO PROVIDE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

#### THE I AM GOD DRAWS NEARS TO PROVIDE...

1. **His providence** to **GOVERN** us even in the darkest and most distressing of storms.
  
2. **His plan** to **GROW** us in our distressing storms.
  
3. **His prayers** to **GALVANIZE** us in our distressing storms.
  
4. **His power** to **GUARD** us in our distressing storms.

5. **His presence** to **GRACE** us in our distressing storms.
6. **His purpose** to **GUIDE** us through our distressing storms.

## 2. THE SIGNIFICANCE EXPLAINED: JESUS IS THE I AM GOD WHO STRENGTHENS AND STABILIZES OUR FAITH IN THE STORMS OF LIFE!

*"They saw Jesus walking on the sea...He said to them, 'I AM; do not be afraid!'" (vv. 19-20)*  
*Jesus is the I AM God Who is what we need when we need it!*

### HOW DOES THE I AM GOD STRENGTHEN AND STABILIZE THE FAITH OF HIS FOLLOWERS? (VV. 19-21)

1. Jesus **GRACIOUSLY PERMITS** storms into our lives.
  - To **TEST** the saving faith of His true followers.  
*Are we learning from what the Lord has done for us in the past?*
  - To **PROVE** the saving faith of His true followers.  
*Are we willing to persevere in trusting Jesus even when the handouts are over and the storm is still raging?*
  - To **STABILIZE and STRENGTHEN** the saving faith of His true followers.  
*Are we prepared to persevere when many who profess Christ fall away?*
2. Jesus **DRAWS NEAR** to us in the storms of life.
  - Out of compassionate **LOVE** and providential care.
  - Out of covenant **LOYALTY** and promise keeping.
3. Jesus **REVEALS HIMSELF** to us in the storms of life.
  - By **walking** on the instability of the sea Jesus demonstrated that He is **ALMIGHTY!**
  - By **speaking** to the distressed disciples Jesus declared that He is **I AM!**

### SO HOW DO WE STRENGTHEN OUR SHAKY FAITH IN THE STORMS OF LIFE?

*Trust Jesus as the I AM God by inviting Him into your lifeboat, especially during times of suffering and death!*

#### INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR LIFEBOAT DURING THE STORM

- **RESIST** the temptation to panic in the midst of the storm!
- **REMEMBER** Jesus sends you into the storm to grow you not sink you!
- **REJOICE** that Jesus sees you in the storm and is praying for you!
- **REST** in the promise of His powerful presence when the nights are darkest, the storm is strongest, and you're at your weakest!
- **RECOMMIT** to learning how Jesus satisfies our hearts even when the handouts are over and the storm is still raging on!

**THE I AM GOD STABILIZES AND STRENGTHENS SAVING FAITH IN THE STORMS OF LIFE!**