



The SOVEREIGNTY of JESUS over the STORMS of LIFE

Mark 6:45-52



Main Point:

**Do you actually trust the
sovereignty of Jesus in the
storms of life?**

Scene 1: Jesus prioritizes personal time with God (vv. 45-46).

- Jesus urgently prioritized His time with God. *"immediately ... He MADE them"*
- Jesus prioritized His time with God more than time with His closest relationships. *"disciples"*
- Jesus prioritized His time with God more than overwhelmingly successful ministry.



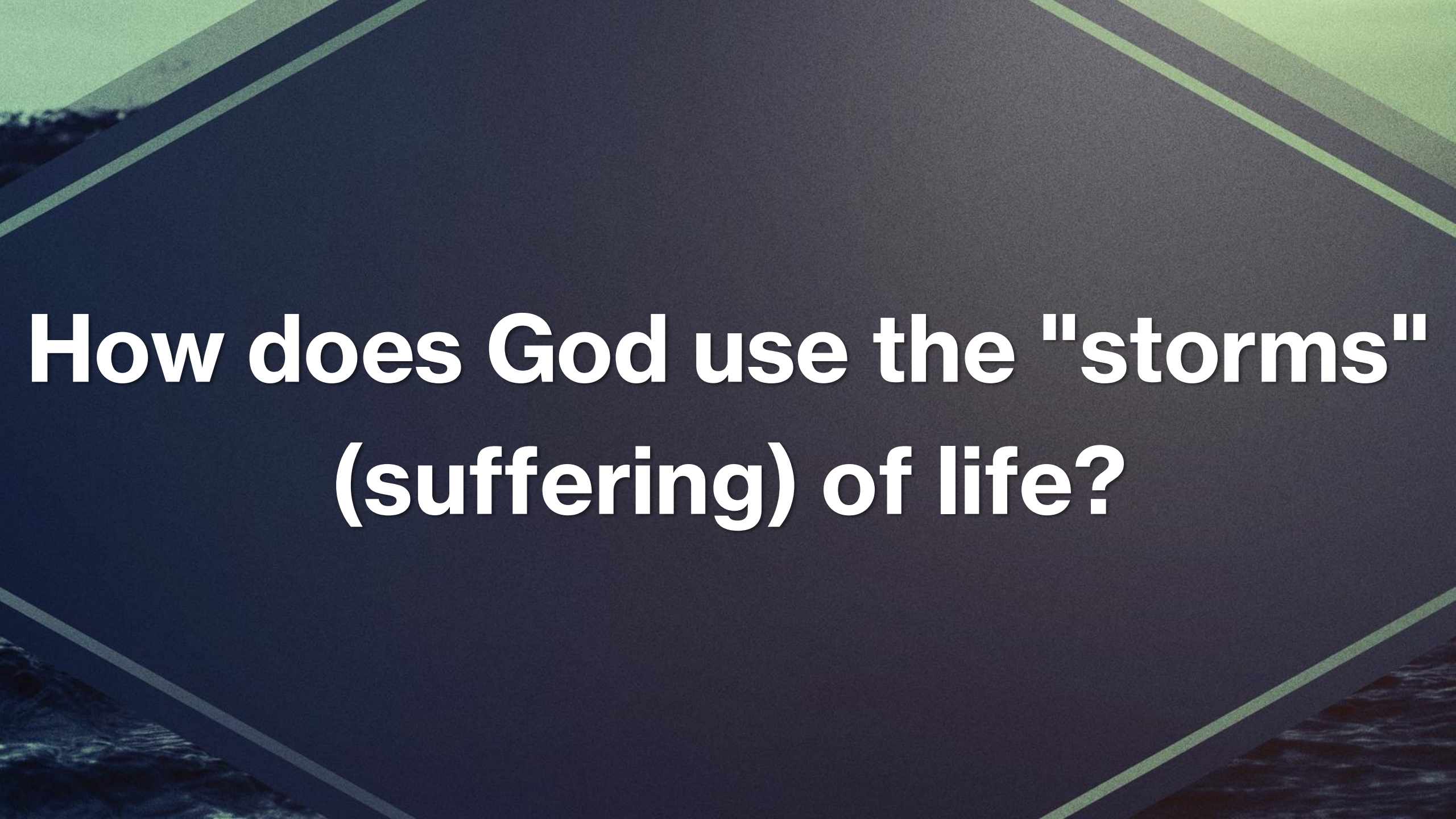
What is your prayer life like?

Scene 2: Jesus intentionally allows the disciples to struggle (vv. 47-48a).

- The location of Jesus changes (mountain to shore). *"The boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land."*
- The actions of Jesus change (praying to watching). *"and he saw them."*

Scene 2: Jesus intentionally allows the disciples to struggle (vv. 47-48a).

- The disciples' struggle was **INTENSE**.
"painfully"
- The disciples struggled for a **LONG TIME**. *"When evening came... and the fourth watch of the night."*



**How does God use the "storms"
(suffering) of life?**

10 Ways God uses Suffering in Our Life

1. Suffering produces perseverance and hope (*Rom 5:3; 2 Cor 6:4*).
2. Suffering builds lasting maturity (*James 1:2-4*).
3. Suffering gives a new perspective on God's compassion and mercy (*James 5:7-11*).
4. Suffering brings new and unexpected blessings (*1 Peter 3:13-18*).
5. Suffering allows us to experience the depth of God's comfort (*2 Cor 1:3-9*).

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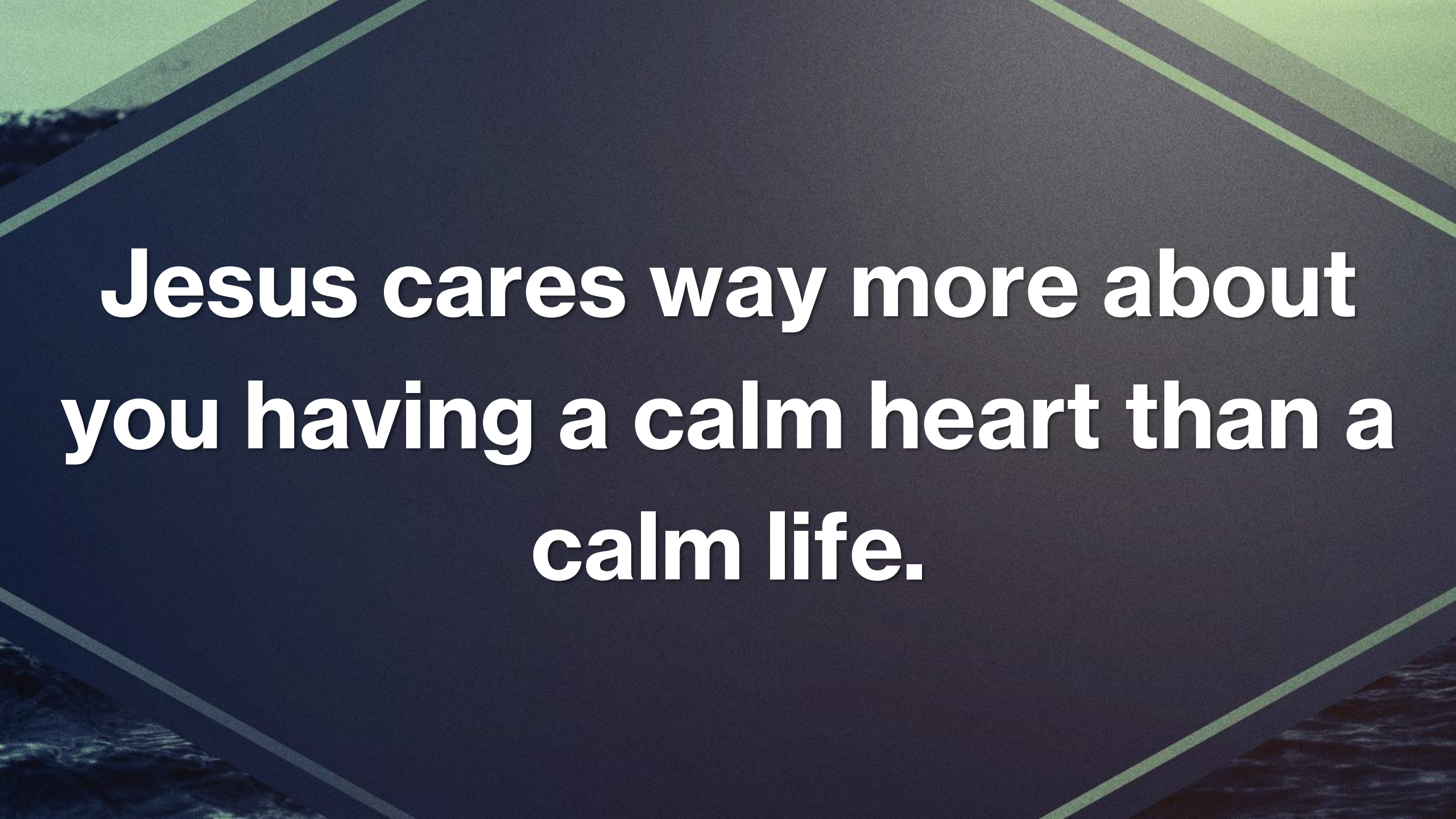
6. Suffering equips us to minister to others in specific ways (*1 Cor 1:3-9*).
7. Suffering transforms us to be more like Christ (*2 Cor 4:16-5:1*).
8. Suffering deepens our longing for heaven (*2 Cor 5:1-7*).
9. Suffering keeps us humble (*2 Cor 12:7-10*).
10. Suffering teaches us that God's grace is sufficient for all things (*2 Cor 12:9-10*).

Scene 3: Jesus calms the disciples and the storm (vv. 48a -51).

- **Jesus approaches the disciples in the storm.**
"he came to them."
- **Jesus encourages the disciples in the storm.**
"he spoke to them and said, 'Take heart: it is I. Do not be afraid.'"

Scene 3: Jesus calms the disciples and the storm (vv. 48a -51).

- Jesus focuses on the most important "storm" the disciples were experiencing. *"He got into the boat with them, and (then) the wind ceased."*
- Jesus softens the disciple's heart through the storm.



**Jesus cares way more about
you having a calm heart than a
calm life.**

How can we better trust our Sovereign Savior?

- 1. Prioritize personal time with God in a unique way this week.**
- 2. Ask God to change you through the things you are struggling with.**
- 3. Remind yourself of the power, presence, and peace of Jesus in your life.**