



Why We Never Lose Hope

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The hardest moments of life often become the greatest opportunities to know Jesus.

WHY WE NEVER LOSE HOPE BECAUSE...

We have a Savior who prays for us

Mark 6:45-46, 45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

- Jesus is providential
- Jesus is prayerful (Hebrews 7:25)

We have a Savior who sees us

Mark 6:47-48a, 47 Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. 48a He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.

- Jesus sees us when nobody else does
- Jesus sees us when we’re trying to obey (Malachi 3:16)
- Jesus sees us when life seems against us
- Jesus sees us even when we can’t see him (Proverbs 15:3)

We have a Savior who draws near to us

Mark 6:48b-50a, 48b Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, 50a because they all saw him and were terrified.

- Jesus arrives right on time
- Jesus arrives as God Himself (Job 9:8; Psalm 107:29)
- Jesus arrives whether we recognize Him or not (Romans 8:38-39)

We have a Savior who speaks to us

Mark 6:50b-52, 50b Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, 52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

- Jesus speaks to build our faith
- Jesus speaks by showing up
- Jesus speaks through His power
- Jesus speaks to capture our hearts

We have a Savior worth bringing people to (6:53-56)

Mark 6:53-56, 53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. 55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

- Jesus sends us to carry people to Him
- Jesus heals what sin has broken

HOW DO WE LIVE THIS OUT TODAY?

Write down all your struggles today (the areas of life you are straining at). Bring them to God in prayer, but Instead of just asking God to remove it, invite him into it. I also want to encourage you to find one person also in a storm and remind them that Jesus sees them.

"Sometimes God permits what He hates to accomplish what He loves."
— Joni Eareckson Tada

"Everything is necessary that He sends; nothing can be necessary that He withholds."
— John Newton

"There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still."
— Corrie Ten Boom

"I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages."
— C.H. Spurgeon