Sender of the Storm

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"Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make Him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself. When evening came, His disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed three or four and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But He said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading." (John 6:15-21)

"Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side..." (Matt.14:22)

1. Jesus Sends Storms to Give Us New Direction.

(Ps. 107:23-28)

"...do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?"

(Rom. 2:4)

1. Jesus Sends Storms to Give Us Necessary Correction.

"He said: 'In my distress I called to the LORD,

and He answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and You listened to my cry.

You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all Your waves and breakers swept over me.'" (Jon. 2:2-3)

1. He Sends Storms to Give Us Needed Protection.



"The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd." (Matt.14:21-22)

1. He Sends Storms to Nurture Perfection.

"After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone..." (<u>Matt. 14:23</u>)

"The fishermen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible, but they have never found these dangers sufficient reason for remaining ashore." – Vincent Van Gogh `