



KINGDOM *Of* PEACE

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Sunday Message



Teaching Text:



(NKJV) Mark 4:35-40

recap.

"On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"



This week Banning Liebscher continues the series on peace, with an encouraging yet challenging word on walking in our inheritance and the fullness of what Jesus paid for. The mandate on the life of every believer is to advance the Kingdom of God. We are called to bring the dominion of the King, His Kingdom, to earth. We are to bring God's Kingdom into every area of our lives and every situation that we encounter.

In order to fulfill our mandate, and advance the Kingdom, we must first understand the authority we have been given to accomplish our mission. Mark 4 is not just about the authority of Jesus to tell a storm to sit down and shut up, but it's a prophetic moment where Jesus is demonstrating that He came to restore that which was lost, the original mission to bring Heaven to earth. In Genesis 1 (1:27-28), God gives

his people the authority to take dominion in the earth. When sin entered the world, humanity handed its authority to the devil. Jesus came and took back that authority and handed it back to us and said “now, finish the job”.

The Kingdom we are called to advance is a Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). We have all been sent on this mission with peace. As Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure (after living and walking with them for 3 years), He is intentional about equipping them to live without His physical presence. Jesus sends the person of the Holy Spirit to comfort and help His disciples but He also makes it clear that He is leaving them with His peace (John 14:27).

Jesus expects us to show up in the world with His peace. We are to leave our homes in peace and carry it with us wherever we go. The peace that Jesus left us with is a violent peace that has the power to destroy the works of the devil. The dominion of the King displaces or destroys the work the devil has done. We are all called to destroy the devil's work and whenever we see him creating chaos and destruction, we have been

sent there to bring the dominion of the King. Our authority to defeat the enemy is manifested through peace.

Ultimately, peace leads to authority. The mandate on our lives will absolutely require authority. When we are living in peace it leads to a manifestation of authority. The disciples were unable to calm the storm (Mark 4) because they were not walking in peace. We are unequipped to fulfill our mission in the world if we don't live in peace, because truth leads us to peace. Lies from the enemy lead us to fear, and that fear undermines authority. Peace shifts our perspective and gives us the confidence we need to encounter difficulty and hardship.



Discussion Guide

Emotional Health Check In:

Take a few minutes to do an emotional health check in with your Life on Life group, creating space for each person to answer the question below:

- **Describe an everyday moment that brings you great joy.**

If the need arises, spend a few minutes praying for one another, asking God to meet needs and help each person carry what feels heavy right now.

ENGAGE

When you think about the mandate that is on your life (as a follower of Christ) what sort of feelings arise?

Do you feel like you live from a place of authority? Why or why not?

Are there areas of your life where you are unable to carry peace? What do you think is getting in the way?

ENCOUNTER

Spend a few minutes in stillness and quiet (you may want to play soaking music) in your group and ask the Holy Spirit the following question:

Holy Spirit, are there any areas in my life that have been robbed of my authority? Please reveal those to me and expose the lie that is attached to that area. Replace the lie with Your truth so that I may walk in peace and authority.

If time permits, allow those who want to, to share what God spoke to them during the encounter time.

EQUIP

Get in the practice of putting on peace before you leave your house each day. Find practical ways to ensure that you are doing this. Make a sign to put by your door, set an alarm on your phone or write a reminder on your bathroom mirror. Take note of how leaving armed with peace affects your daily interactions.

