

Storm and Chains

Quest Book: Chapter 15

Mark 4:35-5:20

A. Jesus Calms the Storm Around You

1. Jesus needed to get away.

“That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side.’ Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him.”

Mark 4:35-36 (NIV)

2. Jesus needed a nap.

“A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, ‘Teacher, don’t You care if we drown?’”

Mark 4:37-38 (NIV)

3. Jesus showed the disciples His authority.

“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, ‘Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?’ They were terrified and asked each other, ‘Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!’” Mark 4:39-41 (NIV)

B. Jesus Calms the Storm Within You

1. Jesus was confronted by an evil only He could control.

“They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet Him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.” Mark 5:1-5 (NIV)

2. Jesus caused terror in the terror.

“When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of Him. He shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!’ For Jesus had said to him, ‘Come out of this man, you impure spirit!’”

Mark 5:6-8 (NIV)

3. Jesus caused terror in the region.

“When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.”

Mark 5:14-17 (NIV)

C. When Jesus Calms You, He Commissions You

1. Your old ways need to stay your old ways so you can testify about your new ways.

“As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with Him. Jesus did not let him, but said, ‘Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you.’” Mark 5:18-19 (NIV)

2. Your commissioned testimony is what Jesus has done for you.

“So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.” Mark 5:20 (NIV)

3. Let Jesus speak peace to your storm, and then speak His peace through your calm.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we receive from God.”

2 Corinthians 1”3-4 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

Jesus has the power to calm every storm—around us and within us.

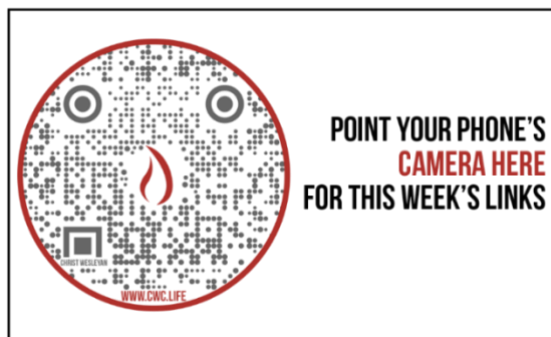
To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday:
Miraculous:
The Signs and Wonders of Jesus Christ

Week 3:
Quest Book: Chapter 16

Milton Campus: Pastor Erik Ireland
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 63.1%

Giving year to date: 95% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,724

Salvations to date: 49 | Baptisms to date: 51

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

157 – Pledges with 379 Total Participants

\$2,091,261.16 -Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$1,124,506.18 -Received Donations – 28% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

Scan:



Upcoming Happenings:

Saturday, **August 9** @1p – Reach the Hole in One Golf Scramble.

*Stop by the HUB to sign up your team, to sponsor, or to volunteer.

Sunday, **August 10th** – *Get Out Sunday*. We will be meeting in communities to pray for the upcoming school year, the teachers, and students. We will begin with worship and a devotional at each location, then go to the schools to pray for each campus.

*There will be an online option at normal service times.

Notetakers are History Makers

Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you’ve been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you’re asking the question, “*How can I make friends here,*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track – 3-week class on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You’ll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don’t worry! Growth Track runs every month, and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to **bit.ly/cwcgrowthtrack**.

Membership Class – Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: **loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life**