PRINCE OF PEACE

Let Me Introduce You to Jesus

"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

"15 Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. 16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. 18 Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. 19 So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. 20 But He said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' 21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going."

John 6:15-21

I. STORMS ARE INEVITABLE.

"Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing." In 6:18

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have PEACE. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Peter wrote: "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you."

1 Peter 4:12

II. WHEN YOU'RE IN A STORM, INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR BOAT.

"Then they willingly received Him into the boat." John 6:21

Another time when the disciples were in a storm with Jesus, they said, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Mk 4:38

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus never promised us a life without storms. However, He did promise to be our peace in the midst of those storms.

HOW CAN WE EXPERIENCE THE PRINCE OF PEACE?

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done." Phil. 4:6

1. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING.

25 "So I tell you, don't worry about everyday life whether you have enough food, drink, and clothes. Doesn't life consist of more than food and clothing? 26 Look at the birds. They don't need to plant or harvest or put food in barns because your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to Him than they are. 27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? Of course not. 28 And why worry about your clothes? Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, 29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. 30 And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't He more surely care for you? You have so little faith! 31 So don't worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. 32 Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, 33 and He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. 34 So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." Matthew 6:25-34

2. PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.

Peter writes: "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

3. THANK GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE.

Take the time to write out a Blessing List of all the good things God has done for you.

4. PURSUE <u>PEACE</u> IN ALL OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS.

"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace." Romans 14:19

"Pursue peace with all people." Hebrews 12:14