



Storms

on the Sea of Galilee

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STORMS IN LIFE:

Storms are Inevitable

- BECAUSE WE LIVE IN A CORRUPT WORLD

We are not in Control

STORMS THREATEN

- OUR COMFORT
- OUR AUTONOMY

God uses Storms to Perfect our Faith

- FAITH HAS ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES

Every Storm is an Opportunity

- EVEN THOUGH SUBMISSION IS NEVER EASY



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Storms are Inevitable

MARK 6:45-52

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Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea,

and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass them,

Mark 6:45-52

but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.

And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.



**Waves
whip up
waters**













02

**God Uses Storms
to Perfect our Faith**



**As
evening
air cools,
the
waters
churn**

1 Peter 1:6-9

In this you rejoice, though now, for a little while .. you have been grieved by various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



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Matthew 14: 28-31

**Peter answered him,
“Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to
you on the water.” He
said, “Come.” So Peter
got out of the boat and
walked on the water and
came to Jesus.**

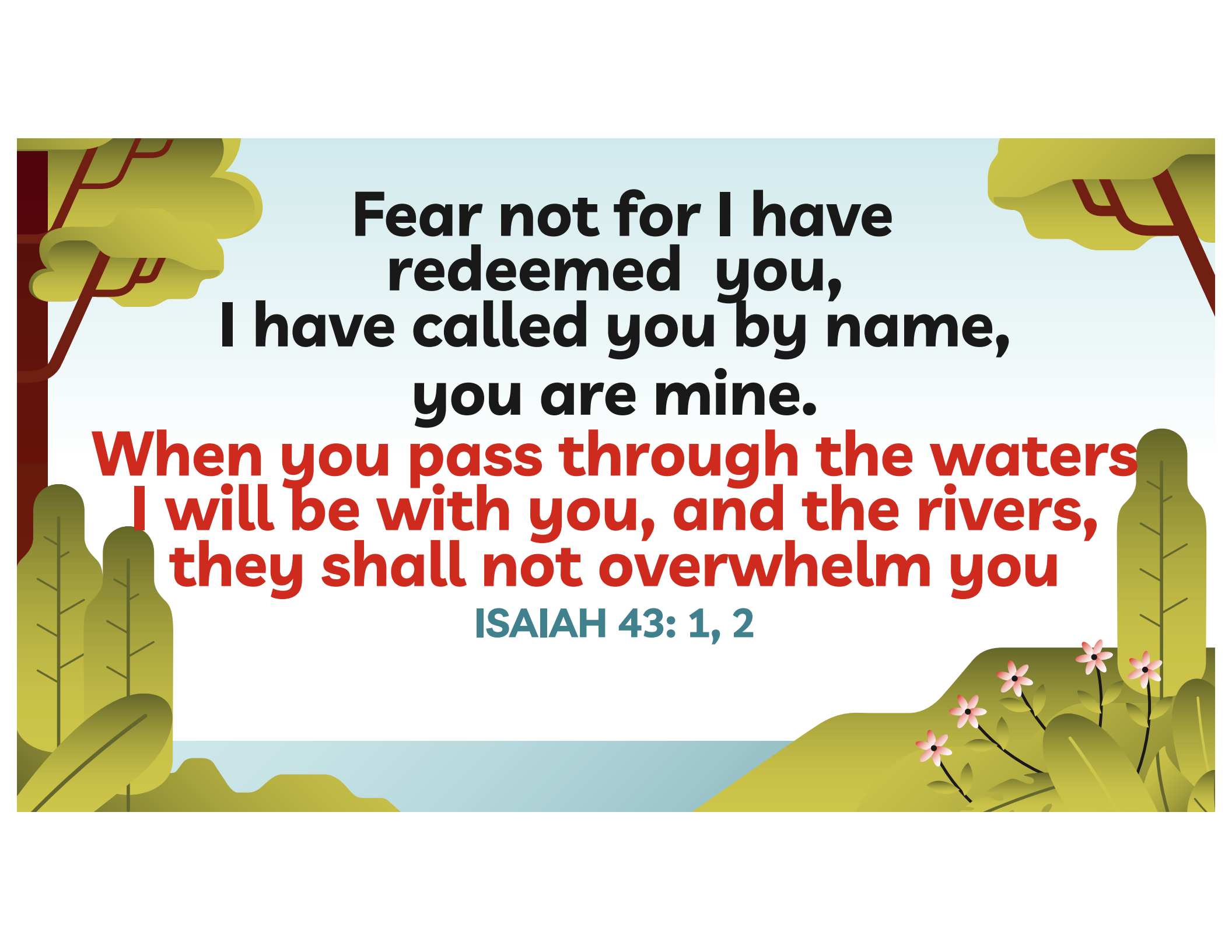
**But when he saw the wind,
he was afraid, and
beginning to sink he cried
out, “Lord save me.” Jesus
immediately reached out
his hand and took hold of
him, saying to him, “O you
of little faith, why did you
doubt?”**



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**Fear not for I have
redeemed you,
I have called you by name,
you are mine.**

**When you pass through the waters
I will be with you, and the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you**

ISAIAH 43: 1, 2



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John 6:22-26

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples ... So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there .. they got into boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the Sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill with loaves.”



John 6:35-59

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe ... I am the living bread taht came down from heaven, If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. ... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you ... For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink... Jesus said these things in the synagogue .. in Capernaum.



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Peaceful Lives
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**Ancient
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