

## GOD WITH US - Part 3 IN THE STORM

*“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”*

Matthew 1:23 NLT

**NEVER LET THE PRESENCE OF A \_\_\_\_\_  
CAUSE YOU TO DOUBT THE PRESENCE OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

*When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.* Acts 27:20

*After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss.”* Acts 27:21

*“But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. <sup>23</sup> Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me”* Acts 27:22-23

*... everyone deserted me ... <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength ...* 2 Timothy 4:16-17

*I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.* Psalm 16:8 NLT

*“Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me <sup>24</sup> and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’”* Acts 27:23-24

*“So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.”* Acts 27:25

*God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.*

*<sup>2</sup> So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; <sup>3</sup> even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence.* Psalm 46:1-3 GNT

## Journey Group Discussion

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Were you afraid of storms as a kid?
- What's your favorite kind of weather? What's your least favorite?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What do you think God has been saying to you through this series?
- Read 2 Timothy 4:16-17. What can you learn from Paul's words to Timothy?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What's a major storm you've experienced in your life? How has it changed the way you relate with God?
- Do you need to forgive yourself or others for causing a storm? What step can you take toward forgiveness?
- We said, “Peace isn't the found in the absence of a storm. Peace is found in the presence of a good God.” What are some ways you try to find false peace? How will you seek God's presence instead?
- What did you learn in a storm that God can use to help someone else through their own storm?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, forgive us for the times we've doubted You in a storm. Jesus, thank You for being in the boat with us. You are with us. You are our safety, strength, comfort, source, redeemer, sustainer, provider, and salvation. We put our hope and trust in You alone. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Who do you know who is going through a storm? How can you show them God's love this week?
- Recall a stormy season in your life. Consider writing it out, and look for the ways God was with you all along. Then, thank Him for it in prayer and worship this week.