♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, November 13, 2011

"LORD OF THE SUDDEN"

(Mark 4:35-41)

Stories of crisis, hardship, and disaster are common. How do we respond when they come our way? We hear the question being raised, "Where is God?" Today we seek to respond to some big questions.

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"Anyone who belongs to Christ Jesus and wants to live right will have trouble from others" (2 Timothy 3:12, CEV).

"Disaster will come upon you, and you will not know how to conjure it away. A calamity will fall upon you that you cannot ward off with a ransom; a catastrophe you cannot foresee will suddenly come upon you" (Isaiah 47:11, NIV).

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9, NLT).

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1. There is no guarantee against the sudden storm.

2. It may appear God <u>isn't doing anything</u> during the sudden storm.

3. Fear can replace faith in the sudden storm.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7, NLT).

4. Jesus hears our cries in the sudden storm.

"Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear" (Isaiah 59:1, NIV).

"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray" (James 5:13, NIV).

5. Sudden storms serve to turn us to Jesus.

6. Sudden storms don't last forever.

"It shall come to pass" (Acts 2:17 KJV).

"For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning" (Psalm 30:5, NLT).

7. God will assist others through your sudden storm.

8. The Lord of the sudden is in control.

"But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior" (Isaiah 43:1–3, NLT).