

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

April 3

## THE STORY NO ORDINARY MAN

*Mark 4:35-41 "That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.' 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 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?' 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?' 41 They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'" (NIV)*

1. **Important truth: If Jesus is in your \_\_\_\_\_ you don't need to be \_\_\_\_\_ of storms.**

*Matthew 14:22-33 "Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.*

*25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.*

*27 But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'*

*28 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'*

*29 'Come,' he said.*

*Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'*

*31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' (NIV)*

2. **Important truth: If you want to \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ you have to get out of the \_\_\_\_\_**

**Hebrews 11:6** *"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."*

**Romans 14:23** *"But whoever has doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from faith; and everything that does not come from faith is sin."*  
**Matthew 14:13** *"When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place."*

3. **Important truth: Give Jesus what you \_\_\_\_\_ and let him \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

*Matthew 14:23 "After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray." (NIV)*

4. **Important truth: Nothing we have on our to-do list is more important than time spent \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 5:16 "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." (NIV)*

*As C.S. Lewis put it in Mere Christianity, "God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other."*

*"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." — Martin Luther*

*"There is no power like that of prevailing prayer—of Abraham pleading for Sodom, Jacob wrestling in the stillness of the night, Moses standing in the breach, Hannah intoxicated with sorrow, David heart-broken with remorse and grief, Jesus in sweat and blood. Add to this list from the records of the church your personal observation and experience, and always there is cost of passion unto blood. Such prayer prevails. It turns ordinary mortals into men of power. It brings power. It brings fire. It brings rain. It brings life. It brings God." — Samuel Chadwick*

*"As it is the business of tailors to make clothes, and the business of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray!" — Martin Luther*