

# TALKING POINTS

## THE OTHER SIDE - THE OTHER SIDE

### LEANING IN

All of us in some way or another are on one side of where God is leading us to next - The Other Side. But, many of us never follow God to the other side and so our faith remains where it is. Stuck. Safe & Comfortable.

We can make excuses not to follow where God is leading. It's uncomfortable. We're scared. We don't think we can do it.

We tend to equate hardship with "Not of God." We equate difficulty with "Must not be God's will." So we avoid it at all costs. But, the difference between where we are and where God wants us to be, is the pain we're willing to endure.

Read Mark 4:35-41

How are being "stuck" spiritually and not "crossing over" with Jesus in our lives related?

### LIVING IT OUT

It is inevitable we will all go through storms. What we must keep in mind is Jesus is with us in the storm and wants to lead us to the other side. Here are some keys to remember as we seek to get to the "other side":

**Just Because Jesus Is Silent Doesn't Mean He's Absent** - even in the midst of our storm, Jesus says He is with us. He is working even when we can't see it. We have to trust Him.

Read Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:38-39

Can you share a time where God appeared silent to you, but in reality was working in your life?

**Who You Cling To In Your Crisis Is Your Christ** - God allows us to go through such dramatic moments where all of our feeble attempts to save ourselves are ruled out so that the only thing left to do is cling to Him.

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

Why is clinging to Jesus always our last option and what can we do to change it?

**Storms Cause Us To Seek Jesus** - He will use the problems in our life to get us to seek His power and remind us of His promises. The interruption of the storm is actually an *invitation* to cling to God.

Read Matthew 8:2-13, Psalms 118:5

Can you share a time when a storm revealed the power of God to you?

**When Jesus Is All You Have, You Realize He's All You Need** - as people in the world, we can confuse our wants and our needs. When you strip everything else away, though, the only thing we *really* need is Jesus.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9

Can you share a time when you had no where to turn but to Jesus, and He was there?

**The Storm May Not Be About Us** - it may well be the purpose for us to go through a storm is to provide comfort to someone else afterward because of what we've been through.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Have you ever experienced a "storm", only to find your experience blesses and comforts someone else down the line?