

FAITH STRONG

Introduction:

Astors Video: How many Astro fans. Are they going to win it again this year?

WHAT STORM ARE YOU FACING?

ILL. My Storm this past year. 3 Cancer Surgeries in 14 days

3 lessons I learned fighting my battle - going through my storm.

Mark 4:35-40 *That day when evening came, (Jesus) said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side (of the lake)." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 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?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.*

What to do when you are surrounded by Storms of Life

1) With Fear or faith

Mark 4:38b *The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"*

ILL. Fear Grippped my Life

2) WITH HIS PRESENCE.

Jesus was on the boat with them, sleeping on a cushion

III. Faith Builders

Isa. 53:5 “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us (ME) peace was upon him, and by his wounds we (I) are healed

3) WITH HIS POWER

Mark 4:39-40 He got up, rebuked the wind and SAID to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Ps. 91:1-16- I will live a long life and see his saving power (CEV)

Ps. 103:2-3 - who forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases (NIV)

ILL. Day of Surgery - Leaving Healed - Coming Home Healed.

Stay in faith - speak in faith - walk in faith With Fear or Faith,
With His Presence, With His power

Song: This How we fight our Battles

Prayer: