

A GOD OF HOPE
Mark 4:35-41 & 8:27-29 • March 26, 2023
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INTRODUCTION:

- A. What is your hope weighted in?
B. We have hope because Jesus Christ is the leader of our lives.

Then He asked them, "Who do you say I am?"

Mark 8:29

- C. Four common **misconceptions** about God:
1. God is unreasonable (too demanding)
 2. God is unreliable (our hurt which God didn't stop)
 3. God is unconcerned (distant, uninterested or too busy)
 4. God is unpleasable (nothing but perfection)

I. THE BIBLE STATES THAT GOD IS CARING

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher don't you care that we're going to drown?"

Jesus asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith (in me)?"

"Who is this man?" they asked each other.

Mark 4:38-41

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor Him...

Psalms 104:13

- B. God cares about the **details** of our life.

"So, don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat...what we will wear?'

Your heavenly Father knows you need these things."

Matthew 6:31-32

- C. Have you been enveloped by the **power** of God's great affection?

II. GOD IS CONSISTENT

"Why are you so afraid?"

Mark 4:40

- B. Worry and fear point to the fact that we don't **feel** secure, safe.

Everything that is good and perfect comes to us from God above...

He never changes (His unfailing love for you) like shifting shadows.

James 1:17

- C. God is not moody or **inconsistent**.

Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful to us.

2 Timothy 2:13

- D. God is a promise maker and promise keeper.

God will never go back on His promises.

Romans 11:29

III. GOD IS CLOSE

- A. Two **truths** about God's proximity:

- God is close enough to know and meet our needs. (Matthew 7:11)
- God knows our hurts and wants to bring us healing. (Psalm 34:18)

- B. How to get close to God:

- **Believe** that Jesus Christ loves you and gave His life so you can have life - a purposeful life now, and eternal life when you die (John 3:16)
- **Accept** God's free forgiveness for your sins (Romans 3:22).

- **Express** your desire for Christ to be the leader of your life (Romans 10:9)

CONCLUSION: