

The Irony of Peace

Mark 4:35-41; Philippians 4:4-9

- I. Life is hard. It just is.
 - A. It's okay to admit it and even list the things that make life hard for you.

 - B. We live in mismatched expectations.
 - 1. If we're honest, we were expecting something much different.

 - 2. On a deep level, this is appropriate.

- II. Jesus comes into our world to calm storms. (Mark 4:35-41)
 - A. But sometimes, we're more comfortable managing our own storms than we are with the God who can control them (and control everything else).

 - B. We prefer a scenario we think we can understand to a God whose ways we cannot.

 - C. Your suffering is real. Call out to God!

- III. Under God's control, we can practice and find peace. (Phil. 4:4-9)
 - A. Rejoice - in the Lord.

 - B. Stop worrying. (Hard to say. Harder to do.)

 - C. Give God your whole heart. He will guard it.

- IV. Cry out to God, raw and unfiltered. "Don't you care that we're dying here?"
 - A. His answer: Yes. And I'm right here with you.