Conquering Storms

Sermon Main Points:

I. Remember His Presence
God's presence enables us to be "strong and courageous" (Josh. 1:8-9)
II. Rest in His Possession
Because we belong to God, we can be assured he will protect and provide for us.
III. Recommit to His Purpose
Not even persecution can dissuade one who is following God's call on their life.
IV. Rely on His Precepts
God's promises are "trustworthy and true" so we must claim them.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the primary way God is present with you and how does this provide greater encouragement than working in your own strength?
- 2. Think about the lengths to which you would go to provide for your family, friends, or loved ones. How much more can you be assured that God will provide for and care for you?
- 3. What is the primary criterion for discerning God's purpose for our lives?
- 4. How does Jesus give us assurance that God's promises are "trustworthy and true" (Rev. 22:6)? (Reference 2 Corinthians 1:20 to help answer this)

Going Deeper

- 1. Are there any particular burdens or difficulties in your life right now?
- 2. What promises from scripture can you claim to assure you of God's presence in your life, his purpose for your life, and that you are his possession?

Reflect on the burdens and difficulties Christ endured for your sake. Because of these, he not only empathizes with you when you cry out to him, he came to earth to provide the solution, either now or when you see him in glory.