

The Storm & the Stillness

A Prophetic Message

Church in the City | Glen Gerhauser | Sunday, 7 August 2022

Text: Mark 4:35-41; John 6:16-21

Prophecy at the beginning of 2022

Morning Thought: I was on the Sunshine Coast for my annual prayer retreat. The weather bureau issued a strong wind alert on the first day. Soon dead branches were strewn everywhere and whatever was not secure blew away. Through the storm, a prophetic message came to me about the time we're living in. Here's the first part:

"High wind alert. Strong winds have been blowing and will continue to blow. Seek shelter in me. Every branch in me that is not securely attached will be blown away. This season is all about drawing close to me. Through these winds, I am testing everyone's connection with me. Religion will not keep you safe. Zeal is not sufficient. Lots of activity will only make you weak. You need to find your satisfaction in me. I am the secret place of shelter" (Part 1, 21 JAN 2022, Journal).

Morning Thought: Here's the second part of the prophecy the Lord gave me. I was in the middle of a wind storm, sand blowing into my eyes as I sought shelter to write:

"Over the last few years, strong winds have been blowing. It breaks my heart that my people have been tossed around by every wind and wave of doctrine (Eph. 4). They have chosen fads over me, running after those who say what their itching ears want to hear. It's time for my people to be rooted and grounded in Jesus the Messiah and grow in maturity. They are not loyal to one another because they are not loyal to me.

"A couple of days ago, as you looked at the trees, it looked like all the branches were attached. But then my strong winds blew, and the loose branches were exposed. This is a time for my people to learn the depths of wisdom hidden in John 15.

"The wind will draw you close to me if you let it. The wind will speed up my work. The sailor can get to their destination quicker in strong winds. The skilled sailor has learned to harness the wind.

"The wind makes the waves of my Spirit stronger. The wind causes my seeds to be carried further. For those who know me, the wind is their friend" (Part II, 21 Jan 2022, Journal).

Morning Thought: Here's the third and last part of the prophetic message God gave me in the windstorm:

"Expect great and many salvations. Make sure every hand is on deck. Each one in the body needs to work as a team in my fellowship. Expect to be carried wider and further than ever before. Those who listen to me will grow fast, but those who don't listen will be blown away—for I am exposing all facades, fakers and frauds. You cannot accept any hypocrisy within you.

"Like an eagle in a storm, learn to harness the wind to go higher. Now you will see from my perspective. Things will go well for those who listen. Remember Psalm 91.

“The church will grow now, but it will grow with real growth. It will be the kind of growth that has its grounds in intimacy with me” (Part III, 21 JAN 2022, Journal).

Prophecy in the Middle of 2022 (3 Aug 2022)

I'm bringing a season of tranquility and rest to my people. A time when the sun will shine and the winds will subside. It's my purpose to bring growth and fruitfulness. The temperature and breeze have to be just right for the fruit to grow.

But be warned. This is not a time to fall asleep and lose the harvest. Get out. Be a part of this great adventure with me. Bring in the harvest. And find your rest and joy in me.

Remember Jesus in the boat. First came the storm; then came the peace. Quickly they were transported to the place they were going (John 6:16-21). This is a time for miracles of transportation. These miracles come from my peace. They come when I rebuke the storm (Mark 4:39).

Yes, I know what's going on in the world. I'm aware of the troubles, shakings and storms. Remember I am the same Jesus who rebuked the winds and calmed the waves. In the storm, the disciples cried, “Do you care?” (Mark 4:35-41). Yes, I do care, and I'm rising to settle the storms. All around the world you will see peace in the place of perturbation. For I am calming the storm so that my harvest can grow.

I'm settling hearts and minds with my shalom. (Wednesday, 3 AUG 2022)

Today — and in this season — Jesus is commanding us to be quiet and still before him — to trust.

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25 - Jesus asleep | John 6:16-21 - Jesus Walking on Water

[As I write this, the waters of Bramble Bay are clear and quiet, softly lapping against the shore. The temperature is an enjoyable 22 degrees Celsius.]