

CHARIS CHRISTIAN CENTRE
SERMON NOTES

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TOPIC : **ARE YOU FEELING THE WINDS OF CHANGE?**
TEXT : MARK 4: 35 – 41

Are you feeling the winds of change? Indeed, we all have!! Just like the disciples in the today's text, **we have crossed over into turbulent times!!**

We have seen changes around us, globally & nationally. We see drastic changes in the areas of economy, politics, environmental. These changes not only brought about increased political, economical & environmental upheavals, turmoil, disasters and religious persecutions but there are also increased acts of wickedness & violence in the society and families. (Luke 21:25; Rev.18:15-17 & Matt. 24:9a & Matt. 24:12)

Matt. 24:8 = "All these are the beginning of birth pains." What does it mean? **It means the pain the world will experience before the coming of our Lord Jesus again.**

Mark 4: 37-38

- We all know that the disciples of Jesus were all experienced fishermen and they were familiar with the environmental changes around them, yet we read that they were overwhelmed by the sudden change of the wind. **The wind of change had blown away their confidence & they became frightened.**
- **Today, are we also like that when we see the changes around us?**

Heb. 12: 26-27 = At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, "once more I will not shake only the earth but also the heavens."

- The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things, so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
- When God causes the 'wind of change to blow' in our lives, don't try to restore it in our own way because it is meant to prune us. **The wind of change is meant to blow away our spiritual apathy.**

- When God allows disasters/storms/earthquakes to shake the nations, **He wants us to know that nothing in this world is permanent.**
- **Do we live a life for God's glory or are we just playing church by just coming to church on Sundays just to fulfill the Christian quota. Know that the Christian life requires discipline, consistency, persistency, sacrifices and perseverance.**
- **God still chooses to speak to us in the still small voice. But when He caused the wind of change to blow, would you allow Him to blow away the wrong mindset, bad habits/characteristics, unforgiveness, bitterness etc...???**

Mark 4: 38 – 41

- **It is time for us to walk by faith. Walking by faith means to TRUST GOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONTINUE TO DO HIS WILL. FAITH AND PRAYER MOULDS OUR DESTINY.**