

Edward Christian Church

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When the Bottom Drops Out –pt2

Matthew 14:22-33

“Assurances We Can Count On”

Matthew 14

This Passage Speaks of Unstable Times...

- Vision = Obscure
- Footing = Unsure
- Security = Insecure
 - Ship - *“Collective”*
 - Peter - *“Individual”*

The Bottom had Dropped Out ...

...2 Storms that Day at Same Time

- Circumstances on Outside
- Disrupted Peace on Inside

Matthew 14

In These Times...

▪ **It is Useless to...**

...*Focus on the Unsure Things*

Brings Fear, Frustration, No Hope

▪ **It is Useful to...**

...*Focus on the Sure Things*

Calms Fear, Frustration, Brings Hope

There Were 5 Things...

...that Were Sure Things

Let Us Focus on Them

Five Assurances in Our Storms

#1- The Lord Brought Them There (22)

“Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.”

□ No Accident, No Blind Move

The Timing of the Storm

Jesus Knew:

- *Opportunity was Present*
- *Storm was About to Strike*
- *It was Test Time after the Lesson*

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#2- Jesus Sought God for Them there...

“There Jesus Prayed For His Followers” (23)

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need

Luke 22:31-32

“Our Great Example”

His Prayer Consists of:

1st - Power

- **Our Faith Won't Fail**
- **We Won't Give Up/ Turn Back**

2nd - Prophetic

- *When You are Converted -Weakness*

3rd - Protection -it will be...

- *Temporary ..When converted*
- *Productive ..strengthen brethren*

This is Love on Its Knees

David Lane

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#3- Jesus Caught Them There ...

"The Lord Came To His Own" (25)

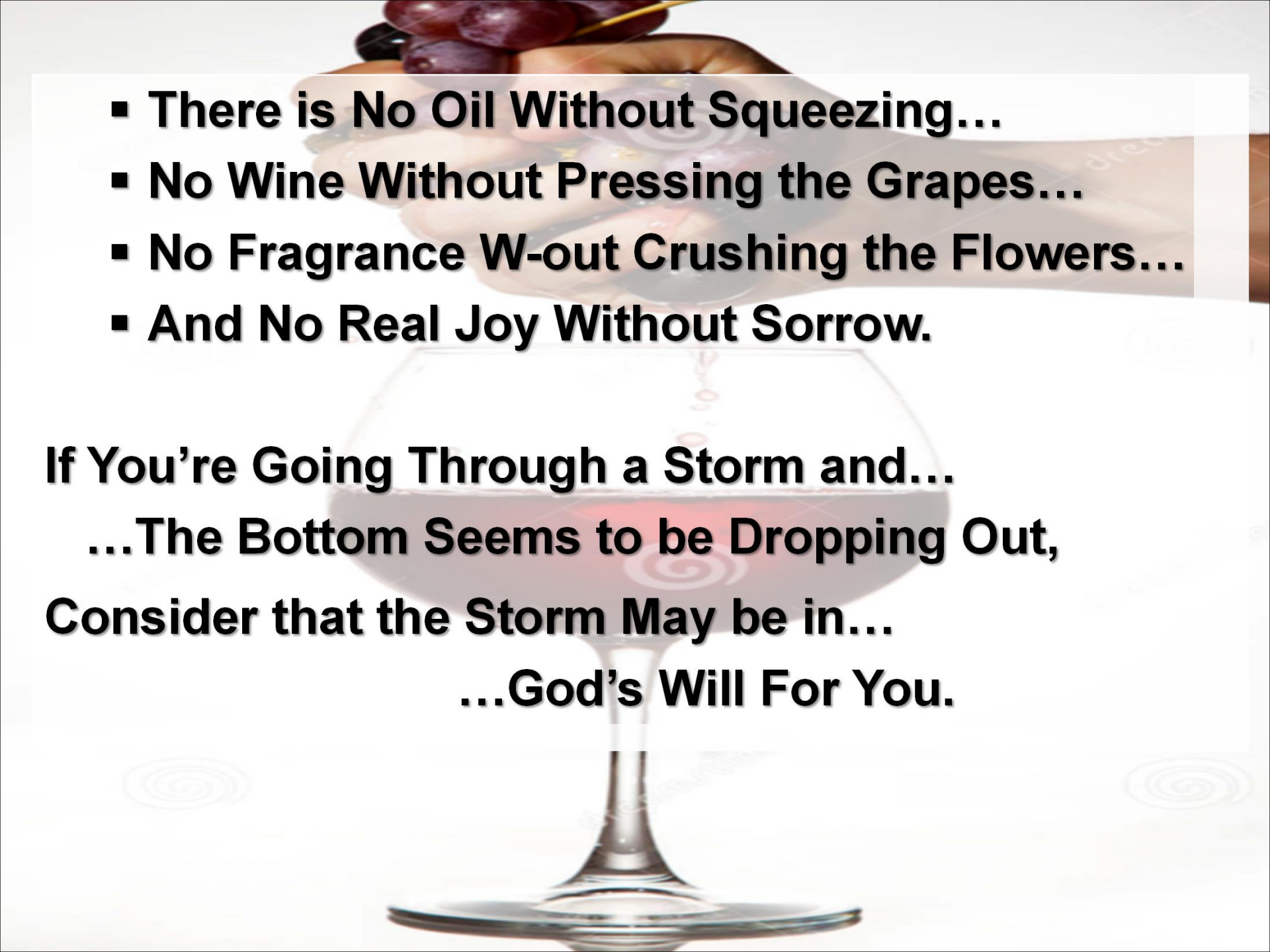
- **Just In Time**
- **Darkest Hour**
- **Victorious Over Greatest Fear!**

What They Feared...

...Being Swallowed Up By the raging sea!

...He Reveals Himself Victorious Over It!

What is Your Fear Today ?

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- A hand holding a bunch of purple grapes is positioned at the top of the image. Below it, a glass of red wine is shown, with a small amount of wine being poured into it. The background is a light, textured surface with faint circular patterns.
- **There is No Oil Without Squeezing...**
 - **No Wine Without Pressing the Grapes...**
 - **No Fragrance W-out Crushing the Flowers...**
 - **And No Real Joy Without Sorrow.**

If You're Going Through a Storm and...
...The Bottom Seems to be Dropping Out,
Consider that the Storm May be in...
...God's Will For You.

Five Assurances in Our Storms

The difference between
school and life?

#4- Jesus Taught Them There...

“Jesus Helps Us Grow Through Trials”

“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”(29-30)

Picture of Divine Power Meeting Human Need

~Tom Bodett

Five Assurances in Our Storms

#5- Jesus Halted The Storm There...

“Jesus Will Eventually Bring Peace”

“Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. You of little faith, he said. Why did you doubt? And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, Truly you are the Son of God.” (31-33)

Jesus Halted Two Storms that Day

- W-Out –the Weather
- W-In –the Disciples



**We Have No Need to Fear
When the Bottom Drops Out
Jesus Steps Up**