

**“Retrospective Exposition”**

*John 6:16-21; Leviticus 26:1-8; John 15:5; Matthew 14:22-23*

**God’s tests are designed to promote spiritual growth in His children.**

The people were wrong or inaccurate in their application of Who Jesus is because first, His kingdom is not of this world and secondly, they forgot that they were under divine discipline and thirdly they wanted their daily bread without the effort of the sweat of their brows.

*And so, our Lord leaves because He’s not seeking this world’s glory and in spite of popular opinion related to a good cause, He must adhere to His Father’s will and plan.*

**As long as the Lord Jesus is in the equation, our inadequacies are adequate but if the Lord is not in the equation, our adequacies will be inadequate.**

We cannot accomplish the Lord’s will unless He enables us to do so by providing His power for us.

*Turn to Leviticus 26:1-8; John 15:5 “I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain (abide) in Me and I (abide) in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”*

**Their cause was a deviation from the plan of God for the humanity of Christ’s life.**

There are things more important than even a right or just cause.

*Remember the disciples carried 12 baskets as a reminder to them of their Lord’s Hypostatic Union as the God-man and the faithfulness of God.*

The Lord Jesus remains ever-faithful to us!

The fact that we are alive today is a testimony to God’s grace because no one earns or deserves the right to be alive.

**All that we are or could ever hope to be is because of Who and what God is NOT who & what we are!**

**Storms do not last forever and they always have a purpose.**

What should the disciples be doing?

*Carrying a Bible is not a good luck charm; in other words, what’s inside the Bible must be inside us.*

The disciples are not interested in the Lord’s miracle at this time.

Fear comes from outward pressure.

**None of the disciples drowned!**

The devil can use frightened believers.

**1st Peter 5:8 “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”**