Day 21 While We Wait

**Discussion Questions**

1. **Other than what *we* can control, why do some miracles take longer to realize?**
2. **While we wait, God will work in our hearts so that we can have victory. Discuss these ways God works in our hearts to bring us to greater freedom (spoken of in this chapter). How do these transform us and bring about the miracles we need?**
* **Receive God’s discipline/correction.**
* **Believe that Jesus is your wisdom.**
* **Believe that God will give you wisdom when you ask.**
* **Respond to His Spirit leading you.**
* **Walk in worship.**
1. **At the end of the chapter is a song written at a peaceful moment during the midst of storms. Sometimes, when we are going through hard times, we will have a day or a moment when we sense God’s peace. We have a tendency not to enjoy these times because we know the storm is not over. How might these moments of peace equip us to keep believing?**

Day 22 Sudden and Great storms

**Discussion Questions**

1. **The nature of sudden and great storms is that they take us by surprise and seem overwhelming. Share, if you’d like, about such a storm in your life.**
2. **Explain why Jesus’ question in Matthew 8:26 was not harsh, but rather reasonable. Why is it, do you think, that we tend to forget the miracles we’ve received in the past when new storms suddenly arise?**
3. **“Will we freak out and ask God why He is asleep when we need Him most or will we instead express our trust in Him?” How might our whole situation be different if we would simply remember and believe instead of forget and fear?**
4. **“It’s ok to *feel,* but don’t fear.” Have you had a sudden and great storm in which your feelings seemingly took over due to the perceived stress? Is this any area where you’d like to see improvement? Or have you noticed a change in how your respond to threatening situations?**
5. **Instead of going into panic mode, how can we pray when storm clouds rise? What good news can we preach to ourselves to boost our faith in God to help us?**
6. **Share your response to this quote:**

*Yet even if the storm continues, we can rest in His great love for us. It is like the cartoon I saw of my husband; we ride the waves of the storm instead of being pulled under by them. When we do this, He is pleased. He is proud of us as His child simply because we trust in Him. He isn’t expecting us not to feel or to “be brave” or not to respond when more wind and waves arise. Rather He will be there for us when they do, and each time we choose faith over fear, we put a smile on His glorious face because our faith pleases Him.*

1. **In what ways can you “relate” to the story about Baby Joey?**
2. **If you’d like, personalize the passages at the end of this chapter. “God, you are MY refuge and strength…”**