

Mark 4 Life in God's Kingdom

Kingdom defined:

"A realm, domain, dominion, country, or empire."

THE KINGDOM

Rev 11:15 "The kingdom of the *world* has become *the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ*, and He will reign for ever and ever."

There are 6 Scientific Kingdoms

*9 Million species of **ANIMALS***



There are 6 Scientific Kingdoms

*300,000 species of **PLANTS***



There are 6 Scientific Kingdoms

100K types **FUNGI**



200K **ALGAE** & **SLIME MOLDS**



White cell Macrophage
eat harmful bacteria,
cancer, dead cells.

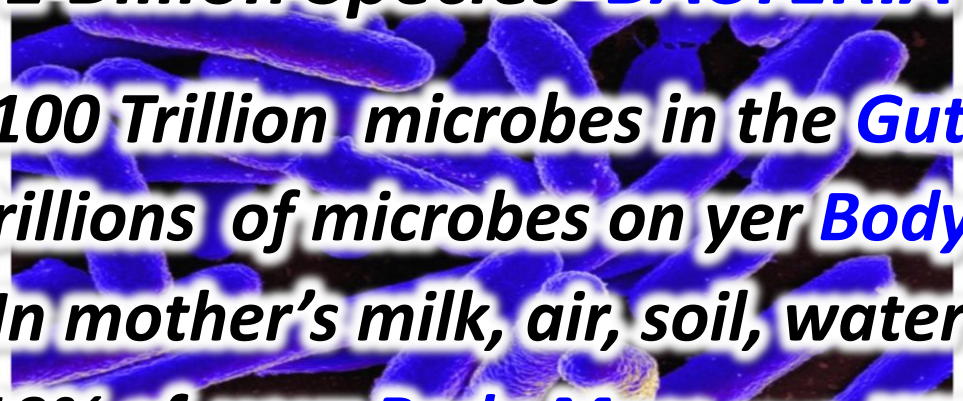


Ps 139:14

Wonderfully made

1 Billion Species **BACTERIA**

100 Trillion microbes in the **Gut**
Trillions of microbes on yer **Body**
In mother's milk, air, soil, water
10% of your **Body Mass** says NIH



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Mark 4:1 Popularity *Grows & Declines*



Mark 4:1 Jesus began to teach *by the lake.*

The crowd that gathered was so large that he got into a *boat & sat in* it on the lake.

*John 6:66 Some leave when **commitment** is asked rather than just getting “free food.” John 6:26, 45, 64.*

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2 Mark 4:2-20 Difference is the *Hearts of Men*



Mark 4:4 As he was sowing, some seed fell *beside the road*, & the birds came & ate it up.

v.5 Other seed fell on the *rocky ground* where it didn't have much soil.

v.7 Other seed fell among *thorns*, & the thorns came up & choked it, and it yielded no crop.

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v.10-12 Jesus Spoke in Parables..



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Because not everybody *wants* to understand !

Mark 4:11 "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God; but those who are outside *get everything in parables*

Mat 13:15 *They have closed their eyes* lest they *should see with their eyes, & hear with their ears* and understand with their heart and return, and I would heal them.

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Mark 4:10-20 Different Hearts *Explained*



Luke 8:11 — The seed is the *Word of God*. (Mk 4:14)

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Mark 4:15 Some Hearts Will *Never Repond*



Mark 4:15 *Who are beside the road where the word is sown*; and when they hear, *immediately Satan comes* and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

Satan takes away the word by Doubts; 2nd Thoughts; Life of sin; Hopelessness; Discouraging comments; Pull of relationships.

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5 Mark 4:16-17 Some Start Great - *Then Quit.*

Mark 4:16 In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown *on the rocky places*, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. *[Great Start]*



v.17 *They have no firm root in themselves*, but are temporary; when *affliction or persecution* arises *because of the Word*, *immediately* they fall away.

From *family, Institutions, Society* or *Religions*.

Be faithful to the point of death ! (Rev 2:10)

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6 Mark 4:18-19 Some are Choked by *Worldly Stuff*.

Mark 4:18 “The ones on whom seed *was sown among the thorns*; these are the ones who have heard the word...

19 And the *worries of the world & the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires* for other things enter in & *choke the word*, and it *becomes unfruitful*.



Choose: Only *SO MUCH* time, energy & focus available

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Mark 4:20 Some *Start Great* - *Get Greater*.

Mark 4:20 "And those are the ones on whom seed was sown **on the good soil**; and they hear the word and accept it, and ***bear fruit, 30, 60, and a 100 fold.***"



Eph 2:10 We are created ... for good works

1 Tim 6:17-18 Instruct the rich ***to do good, to be rich in good works***, to be generous, ready to share

1 Tim 6:18 **Rich** in **Good Works**



Introducing: Scott and Jenna Beyers Family

1 Tim 6:18 **Rich** in **Good Works**

Eve is 1 month old. Weighs 1# 4oz.
Born at 23 weeks. Full term is 40 weeks.
She's in Phoenix, AZ. "Neo-natal ICU."
Scott & Jenna had 3 min to decide.



Eve is a little longer than a pencil. Help with *flights*?
Or can give *blood* in honor of Keith Anderson Apr 6
Or can give extra help to *hurting saints* here too.

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8 Mark 4:21 You Can Understand *The Word*

Mark 4:21 He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought to be put under a basket, or under a bed? Is it not *brought to be put on the lampstand?*"

4:21 "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has *anything* been secret, *but that it should come to light.*"



The Bible is Meant to be Understood. (Eph 5:17)

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9 Mark 4:24-25 Be a *Discerning* Student



Mark 4:24 And He was saying to them,
"Take care what you listen to." (See 1 John 4:1)

Mark 4:25 *"For whoever has, to him shall more be given; & whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."* Grow (2 Pet 1:5-11)

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10 Mark 4:35-40 Jesus Can Calm the *Storm*



*And He can calm
YOUR Storm!*

Mark 4:37 There arose a *fierce gale of wind*, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the *boat was already filling up*.

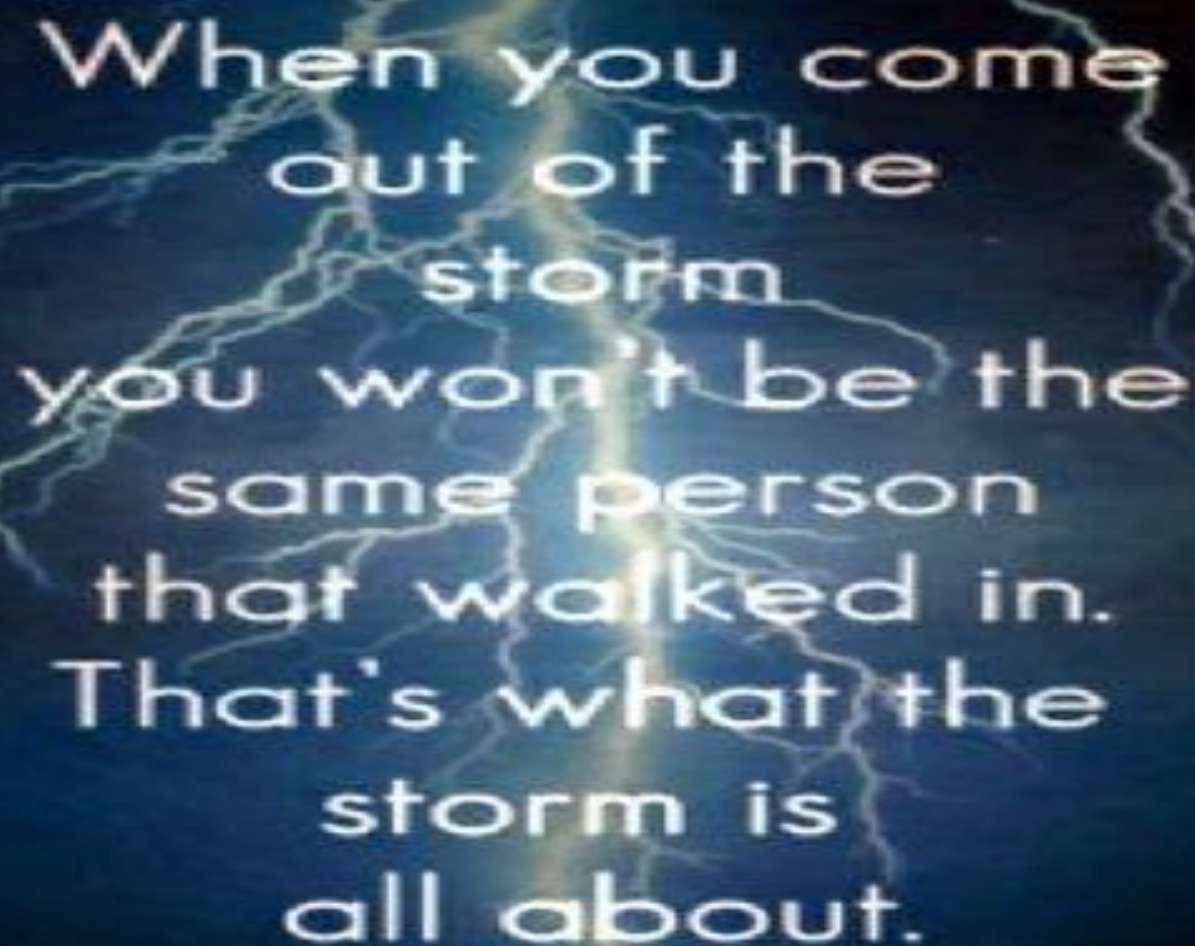
v.39 And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "*Hush, be still.*" And the wind died down *and it became perfectly calm.*

A person is walking through a heavy rain or storm, their figure silhouetted against a bright, hazy background. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants, and their hair is blowing in the wind. The overall mood is one of resilience and faith.

DO NOT JUDGE

**"YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT
STORM I'VE ASKED HER TO
WALK THROUGH"**

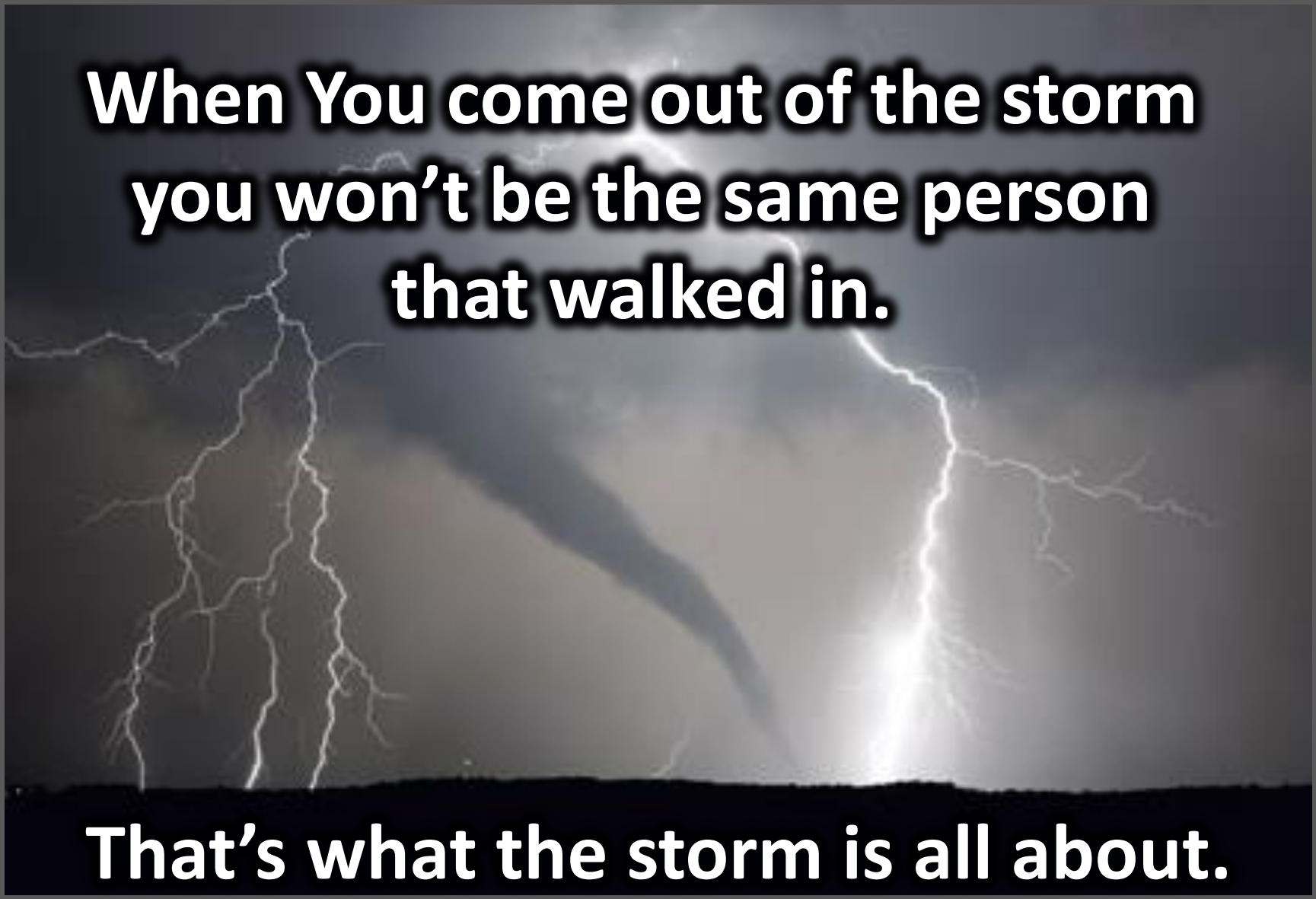
- GOD



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same person
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That's what the
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all about.

-Haruki Murakami

simply designing



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LIFE ISN'T ABOUT
WAITING FOR
THE STORM
TO PASS.

IT'S ABOUT
LEARNING TO
DANCE
IN THE RAIN.

Neh 8:10
The joy of the Lord
is our **STRENGTH**.