

## Who Can This Be?

Mark 4:41

His life would never be the same after March of 1876. His one invention transformed American culture into what we now have today as electronic devices; which the average American now spends 11 hours a day using.

This 1876 invention was driven by his obsession to help the deaf community of his era.

So, on March 10 1876 he recorded his first coherent complete sentence with the famous words that said,

“Mr. Watson come here – I want you!!”

This invention became the making of America’s first telephone system as we know today. This man’s name is Alexander Bell. He himself refused to have a telephone for his study fearing it would be a distraction from his scientific work.

His invention and his wealth did not change his passion for people who were deaf. His passion for people was stronger than the revelatory successes of his trade. He founded the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf.

And so it is in our relationship with Jesus Christ. He seeks to bring you and me through life’s storms to cause us to discover a new way to communicate with him like Alexander Graham Bell. God’s number one goal is to reveal more of His love and His special purpose He has for you through the storms of life.

So, at the end of every storm He wants you to be able to say, “What kind of man is this Jesus? Who can this be?” I’m amazed at His sovereign grace in my life with the storm I am going through. I know His voice a little better. I’ve discovered a more intimate communication’s telephone device in which to receive God’s love for me in my storm.

- a) For in the day of trouble He shall hide me.
- b) Psalm 66:17-20 says I cried to Him with my mouth and high praise was on my tongue. Truly God listens to me.
- c) 1 Peter 3:12 says the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer.

But if we are going to survive the end time forces released on the American church of Jesus Christ, we must upgrade our spiritual phone, plan of communicating with Jesus Christ!

Go back to our opening text and let’s look at the previous verses in Mark 4:34 (AMP). Here we will see how God wants us to upgrade our spiritual phone plan. So, we can make right choices in the middle of our hurricanes.

- Verse 34 – Here Jesus shows grace and favor to His own people in explaining the meaning of parables.
- This is how god thinks about you and me.

- When I am born again of water and spirit, God deals with me as His covenant child or bridal lover. He deals with us differently in storms than people who are not under covenant of the Apostles Doctrine. My family history for example: I only survived longest in marriage, sickness, and finance.
- Verse 34 says He explains everything fully. God shows us things and gives us peace that heathens don't have.
- Verse 35 – Jesus took the apostles on a privileged assignment away from the multitudes that really wanted to spend time with Jesus. There are times you can cut God's presence with a knife. You feel like storming hell with a water pistol.
- The apostles even persuaded Jesus in vs. 36 to let them be the escort services. You almost sense an attitude of entitlement from the apostles. I'm baptized in Jesus name, I speak in tongues, I live in holiness standards and I pay my tithes and offering. I even teach bible studies so I'm expecting God to do some great things in my life. After all, Jesus tells us everything. We belong to Him. We are the chosen apostles.
- We escort Jesus everywhere He goes. He's sitting on the boat in special fellowship with the Apostles. We feel secure around Jesus.

Until verse 37  
Jesus never tells them about a hurricane storm.

Now the disciples are stunned and overwhelmed.

1. They are professional fisherman and Jesus puts them into a storm their own profession can't get them out of. It's my nature where I don't like surprises. I've learned the hard way I can't control everything I need to control.
2. The apostles are shocked that Jesus didn't tell them or prepare them about this storm.
3. They feel betrayed and confused. They fear for their lives and yet less than 6 hours ago they felt secured and privileged.
4. On top of this Jesus has the nerve to be sleeping at a time of crisis like this. Read. Vs. 38

This whole scenario is Jesus trying to give you and me an Alexander Graham Bell spiritual phone plane upgrade.

- Because in vs. 39 – These men are angry and offended with the actions of Jesus. Because Jesus acts unconcerned, disconnected, and he always shares His parables with us.
- So, what did I do wrong Jesus?
- Why didn't you tell me about this hurricane that was coming?
- Why are you not speaking to me in my crisis?
- Did I offend you Jesus? Don't you care that we perish?
- After all I'm your escort service. We were just chill'in together in church or at a bible study.

Now this is where you purchase the upgrade Holy Ghost phone plan  
Turn to Luke 7:23, Math. 11:6, John 14:28-30, Ps. 119: 165

- Offenses keep us from seeing truth.
- Offenses causes us to stumble and it interrupts our walk with God. (We want the predictability of creature comforts.) Peter wanted this at MT.
- We must confront the hurts and offenses caused by what God allows in order to experience Word transformation, otherwise the Word never becomes a part of our character.
- This is where we learn to know God's love and voice in a clearer way. What kind of man is this Jesus? Who can this be?

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- So, if Jesus can speak peace to your hurricane winds on the outside He's telling you to speak peace to yourself on the inside.
- I call this God's multiplied grace and peace reaching for you today
- So, when I can operate the grace of His love in my hurricane will I understand His voice? Otherwise my storm can cause hopelessness and hurt and resentment towards God Himself.

There are 5 dimensions of grace. I must know and practice in my hurricane if I want to upgrade my phone plan.

1. Grace – Titus 2:11
2. Multiplied Grace – 2 Peter 1:2
3. Great Grace – Acts 4:33
4. All Grace – 2 Cor. 9:8
5. Dispenses of Grace – 1 Peter 4:10

- So now by releasing my faith in God's grace in the hurricane I learn to manage my fears, my hurts, and my disappointments. Because the power of His grace will get me out of this storm.
- The bible says the Lord sits on top of the floods in Ps. 29:10-11.
- He will deliver and heal His covenant people.
- So, God is asking for our worship in the hurricane. These releases grace.
- Speaking His word release grace. Ps. 84:4-7 (AMP)
- We must proactively speak up and act in the hurricanes the Word of God.

1. I'm speaking to the demonic world.
2. I'm speaking to the human will earth material world.
3. I'm speaking to God and His Heavenly Host.
  - I need to speak to hopelessness and mocking circumstances.
  - I need to speak to my generational curses.

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This is the upgrade. This is the end result.

Nobel Peace prize winner Elie Wisell was a Holocaust victim who once said, "The opposite of love is not hate, its indifference." He said the opposite of

- Beauty, is not ugliness
  - Faith, is not heresy
  - Life, is not death
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- Alexander Bell was driven by a burden for deaf people
1. God wants to use your storm to give you a burden for spiritually deaf people and
  2. To reveal His greatness – Who can this be?

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