***Recap of 3/25/12 (John 6:14-21):***

*1. Jesus sends His disciples into a storm, He does that not so that He can learn something about us, but that we might learn something about ourselves and about Him.*

*2. “Most of us don’t like rough weather. We don’t like stormy lives. We don’t like affliction and sorrow. When the sea is calm and the Lord is right there with us, filling us with joy and blessing, we think it is wonderful. But our faith never grows that way. We never see His authority and power that way. It is in the storms of life, when sorrow and affliction are crashing against us, that we see God more clearly. God uses the sorrows and tests of life to sharpen us as tools He can use for His glory. The Lord often permits us to go into times of distress and affliction to keep us from something that could be infinitely worse.” (Dr. John Mitchell)*

*3. We learn through the experience of the disciples that:*

*-Obedience to Christ does not preclude obstacles in life.*

*-We cannot remove obstacles ourselves*

*-Jesus knows our difficulties*

*-We must trust Him*

*-We must persist in faith*