



The Weapon of Insecurity | Ronnie Johnson | 3.31.19  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**If you could see one movie again for the first time, what would it be and why?**

SHARE

**What was the best thing that happened to you this week? What was the most challenging obstacle you faced?**

As a follow up to last week's message on breakthrough, this week Ronnie invited us in the area of his life that he is praying for a breakthrough in; his insecurity. It was an amazing, honest message, and honestly, we are all in the same boat! Fortunately, 2,000 years ago, the disciples were too! So today we are going to read a story about one evening when the Disciples are in a literal boat with Jesus and He uses a storm to help them find the confidence they were created to walk in!

GROW

**Read Mark 4:35-41**

**What is your initial reaction to this story?**

### **What can we learn from the fact that Jesus is just taking a nap during a storm?**

Keeping our confidence in the middle of a storm is no small feat. After an entire day of healing and teaching with Jesus, the disciples were likely feeling pretty good about themselves and what was accomplished that day. And then, the rain came. When the wind began howling, and the waves began crashing against the boat, the disciples lost their confidence. While beginning to freak out, they went to question Jesus:

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" (Mark 4:38)

Everyone is panicked. Jesus is sleeping. I think this moment is indicative of our lives as we follow Jesus. During storms, it can be easy to forget just how much God cares about us. In fact, at times it feels like He is intentionally sleeping right through our most challenging seasons. Perhaps it feels this way due to our limited perspective. The storms in our life often look like the end of the world, but only because we can't see the whole story. Since Jesus has an eternal perspective. He can get some much-needed rest, even in the middle of a storm.

Jesus tells us that ALL authority on heaven and earth has been given to Him (Matthew 28:18). We get the word authority from the root word "author". In other words, our authority comes from the fact that Jesus is the one writing our story! And as Ronnie reminded us this week, "Long before the reader knows how the story ends, the author knows." God knows everything! And He wrote us into His story because we have a part to play. When we trust Him to be the author of our lives, we begin to walk with true authority!

**What is one major storm you are facing this week? What can you learn from this story?**

**Do you know and believe that God has written you into this great story? Is that difficult for you to believe?**

**What would it look like to let God be the author of your life this week? What is one practical way you can let him do that?**

## MOVE

### Read Philippians 3:1-11

**What verse stood out to you most from this passage? Why?**

**We can put our confidence in our significant other but what happens when things begin to crumble in the relationship?**

**We can put our confidence in our work, but what happens when we have a terrible sales month?**

**We can put our confidence in our appearance, but what happens when we have a bad hair day?**

**We can put our confidence in our social media, but what happens when someone tears us down?**

On and on we could go. This world offers us so many things to put our confidence in, but they are all temporary and are the root cause of our insecurities. As Ronnie reminded us this week, “insecurity is our soul’s response to our confidence placed in the wrong things.”

In this passage, Paul tells us his secret to overcoming insecurities. Although he has every reason to boast about himself, he puts no confidence in his flesh (v.3). Paul understood everything about him and around him was temporary and could disappear in an instant. Once we put our faith in something bigger than ourselves, Jesus, our insecurities begin to fade. Paul walks in confidence because he finds it all in Christ!

If Jesus has power and authority over the wind and the waves, then He certainly has power and authority over the storms in our lives. This week we have another opportunity to let our insecurities be a weapon that leads us back to Him! When we put Jesus at the core of our lives, we begin to get to know Jesus the way the disciples did. As a friend, mentor, healer, savior, and author of our lives!

**What is one way you are putting confidence in your flesh? Can you think of a practical way**

you can let God into that place this week?

What is your biggest insecurity? What is a saying or verse you can repeat back to yourself this week every time that insecurity begins to surface?

## P R A Y

As a group, spend some time praying for breakthrough for each other. Pick one person in your group and pray for the breakthrough they are asking God for!

If you are in a coed group, consider breaking up into men and women's groups to share more freely.

## T O G O

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Matthew 28:18

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