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Getting GBC ladies on the same page.

## Does Jesus care?

Have you ever asked this question, whether spoken out loud or in the recesses of your heart? When we see evidence of God’s goodness in His blessings upon our lives, we don’t even think to think about if Jesus cares. It’s obvious in all of the blessings. But when storms of life come, we start to wonder, does Jesus care about me? This question, at its core, is a lack of faith. We don’t see evidence of His goodness in the storm, and yet faith is the evidence of things not seen.

There are two types of storms that can position us to ask the question, *Does Jesus Care?*

### Storms on the outside.

**Mark 4:37-40** tells the story of the disciples in a boat in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Where is Jesus during this storm? Oh, He’s in the boat, but He is asleep. The disciples awaken Him and ask the question, “Carest thou not that we perish?!” In the middle of their physical storm, they questioned His care for them. We do that too. Storms on the outside can be a broken family relationship; it can be a financial burden or a health diagnosis. It’s tossing us. It’s weighing us down. It’s sucking life out of us. *Jesus, do you care?!* Yes,

He’s right there in the boat with you. This boat’s not going down; Jesus is in the storm with you. The disciples got to witness the power of God up close when Jesus commanded the very waves of the sea to be at peace and they obeyed His voice. Maybe you are about to see God work too. Keep the faith. He’s with you. He will not leave you, and He very much cares.

### Storms on the inside.

**Luke 10:39-41** tells the story of Jesus and his disciples eating a meal at the house of Martha. Martha becomes overwhelmed with serving. Maybe the dishes were piling up, maybe she put too much pressure on herself to make things perfect, maybe she had burned the souffle...but she was stressed! She blamed Jesus. It might sound like she’s blaming her sister for not helping, but no, she goes to Jesus with her angst. Listen to her wording, “Lord, dost thou not care, that my sister has left me to serve alone?”

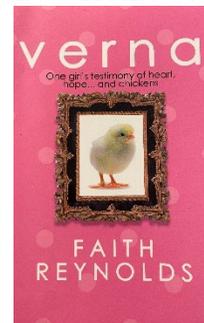
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### MUSIC RECOMMENDATION:



“Joy in Serving Jesus” is a brand-new CD by the Cowling family.

### BOOK RECOMENDATION:



“Verna” is my brand-new book about my mom’s childhood and her testimony. Available very soon!

### FURTHER BIBLE STUDY:

Make a list of how Jesus is caring for you today. Notice His love!

### FOR GIGGLES:



Could do      Should do      Must do



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Not everything is a priority

A storm was raging **in** Martha, not on the outside. Her house was full of joy, while her heart was filled with stress. Martha's storm was not one that others could see because it was in her heart. Does Jesus care about the storms in our heart? A thousand times, yes! Jesus called Martha by name, twice because she wasn't listening, and calmed her storm. I believe Martha grew spiritually after this, and it was a good thing too, because there would be a bigger storm. Lazarus, her brother, would die and Jesus would arrive too late. When Martha talked to Jesus this time, we hear her say, "I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus then calmed another of her storms and raised her brother from the dead. This affirms to me that Jesus cares about the smallest of storms in our lives as well as the biggest of storms. Each storm we go through should increase our faith, because like it or not, other storms are coming. Let me give you some practical tips on how we should THINK when going through a storm on the outside or on the inside...

- 1. You don't know what other people are thinking.**

Mary was not intentionally ticking her sister off. She did not know Martha's expectations. In a storm, our thoughts can't always be trusted. You don't know that other people are judging you or that they would never understand if you confided in them. Our thinking can be skewed during a storm. Often it's due to a lack of quality sleep. Your brain is a terrible storyteller when you're tired. Be aware of this.

- 2. Feelings are real, but not always true.**

The disciples felt like their life was in danger during the storm, but we know this was not true. I can *feel* rejected, but that doesn't mean I was deliberately rejected. I can *feel* like Jesus doesn't care, but that doesn't make it true. I can *feel* that my prayers aren't being heard, but that doesn't make it true. Go back to the Bible for truth, especially when you are in a storm and your feelings can't be fully trusted.

- 3. Others may not notice, but Jesus always does.**

As much as you are loved at Gethsemane Baptist Church, your storm may not always be noticed. It may not get the attention and care that it needs. I encourage you to reach out and let us know about your storm so we can be there for you. To say, "Jesus

cares," is not a cliché or a cop out for our church family. It should be encouraging to each of us that when our storms come outwardly or in the privacy of our hearts, our Jesus cares.

## UPCOMING LADIES EVENTS:

(Contact Faith Reynolds with any questions)

### SOUL SISTERS:

Once a month ladies Bible study  
11am-12pm.

March 7

April 11

May 9

June 20

July 11

Aug 1

Sep 5

Oct 10

Nov 7

Dec 5

### LADIES EXTRAVAGANZA!

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm

This is a one day event for ladies filled with great Bible teaching, fellowship, giveaways, music, games, and food. Plan to attend and invite a friend.