Mark

A Study of the Gospel of Mark Mark 4:35-41

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

Who's idea was it to set sail?

Job 1:8

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

"Just as he is" is all we ever need!

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37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat [Continually], so that it was nearly swamped.

How bad can a storm get?

38 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?"

Does God care if we drown?

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Where does his POWER come from?

Psalm 89:8-9

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

9 You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

Psalm 104

The Lord's Prayer: "Our Father in Heaven"

"It also makes a great deal of difference where God is when we pray. If Jesus resides safely tucked in our hearts, if God is only a wish projection of the very best of human aspiration and experience, then forget it. These little gods are no match for our big problems."

--Willimon and Hauerwas

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Believing that Jesus is God essential!

Our faith remains important in our walk with the Lord!

Hebrews 11:1

- Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.
- 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Eph 6:16

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Why do they still struggle to understand?

A Final Reflection from Spurgeon

"There were also with him other little ships."

Mark 4:36

Jesus was the Lord High Admiral of the sea that night, and his presence preserved the whole convoy. It is well to sail with Jesus, even though it be in a little ship. When we sail in Christ's company, we may not make sure of fair weather, for great storms may toss the vessel which carries the Lord himself, and we must not expect to find the sea less boisterous around our little boat. If we go with Jesus we must be content to fare as he fares; and when the waves are rough to him, they will be rough to us. It is by tempest and tossing that we shall come to land, as he did before us.

When the storm swept over Galilee's dark lake all faces gathered blackness, and all hearts dreaded shipwreck. When all creature help was useless, the slumbering Saviour arose, and with a word, transformed the riot of the tempest into the deep quiet of a calm; then were the little vessels at rest as well as that which carried the Lord. Jesus is the star of the sea; and though there be sorrow upon the sea, when Jesus is on it there is joy too. May our hearts make Jesus their anchor, their rudder, their lighthouse, their life-boat, and their harbour. His Church is the Admiral's flagship, let us attend her movements, and cheer her officers with our presence. He himself is the great attraction; let us follow ever in his wake, mark his signals, steer by his chart, and never fear while he is within hail. Not one ship in the convoy shall suffer wreck; the great Commodore will steer every barque in safety to the desired haven. By faith we will slip our cable for another day's cruise, and sail forth with Jesus into a sea of tribulation. Winds and waves will not spare us, but they all obey him; and, therefore, whatever squalls may occur without, faith shall feel a blessed calm within. He is ever in the centre of the weather-beaten company: let us rejoice in him. His vessel has reached the haven, and so shall ours.

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