

WORD

³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" MARK 4:39-41 (ALSO READ THE PREVIOUS VERSES, MARK 4:35-38.)

WHAT

Lake Galilee is a very large lake and there are often storms on the lake. Most of our Lord's disciples were used to being on the lake at night because they were fishermen. But the super strong storm terrified them and what Jesus did changed their lives and strengthened their faith in Him. What truths can we learn from this?

1 Everyone will face storms in life.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." JOHN 16:33

Everybody will face storms in life, in all aspects. The storm the disciples faced was strong enough to sink their boat, but the greater storm that night was not on the lake, but in their hearts. The storm triggered their doubt and threatened to drown their faith in God. When faced with trials, what are the common reactions of people? How should we respond to trials?

2 Jesus cares for His followers whenever they face the storms of life.

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One character trait of Jesus is that He is compassionate and He can very well identify with our earthly troubles (Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 5:7). The disciples may have thought that Jesus did not care about their predicament, but He never left them during the storm, and He eventually calmed the turbulence. When we are afraid and worried despite God's promised presence, what does this show about our faith in Him?

3 Jesus wants us to exercise our faith when we face the storms of life.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" MARK 4:40

Prior to the storm, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake" (Mark 4:35). Jesus promised a safe arrival and the disciples could have chosen to trust in that promise despite the storm. When we are afraid or worried, why can we trust in the promises of God to save us, to never leave or forsake us?
