

CARE This Week...

February 1, 2026



Jesus Calms the Storm

This week's lesson is about **Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25**

After a busy day of teaching, when it came to evening Jesus spoke to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side of the lake.' Leaving the crowds behind they got into a boat and set off. The weather was calm when they set off and Jesus was very tired. He lay down to sleep on a cushion in the back of the boat. Galilee is surrounded by very high hills and strong winds can descend off these down into the lake causing violent storms. A furious storm suddenly blew up and big waves broke over the boat. Water flooded into the boat faster than they could bail it out. Although many on board were experienced fishermen, they became very afraid. The boat was swamped and it wouldn't be long before they would sink. Jesus was still fast asleep on a cushion in the rear of the boat. The disciples shook him awake. 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown!'

*"Notice the 'we.'" Their idea was, "Hey Jesus, You're in trouble here too. Maybe You had better wake up, get a bucket and start bailing along with us, because we are perishing! It was not a request to Him to do anything; but a protest against His apparent state of NO concern."** Kind of like saying, "Jesus, what's wrong with You?" OR "God, don't you care?"

Jesus replied, 'You of little faith, why are you so afraid.'

"He does not scold them for disturbing him with their prayers, but for disturbing themselves with their fears."

Jesus stood up in the violently rocking boat rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind died down and it was completely calm. 'Why were you so afraid?' Jesus asked his disciples. 'Do you still have no faith?'

*"When we think Jesus doesn't care about us, it shows we have no faith, because we don't believe the truth about Jesus. It takes great faith to trust the sleeping Jesus, to know that He cares and works for us even when it does not seem like it. But this is the kind of trust God wants to build in us."**

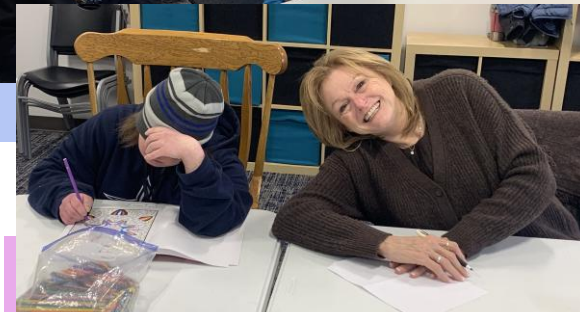
The disciples were terrified and amazed at the power of Jesus. 'Who is this?' they asked each other. 'Even the wind and waves obey him!'

Bible Verse: When I am afraid, I will trust in You. Psalm 56:3

Life Application: When I am afraid, I will have faith in Jesus.

SATURDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

We had a terrific Bible study last Saturday. The lesson was over 'Jesus Calms the Storm.'



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY, Feb. 28



CARE Game Night

6:00 - 8:30 PM

