

Calming The Storm
Mark 4:35-41
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"Be still and know that I am God..." --Psalm 46:10

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." [36] And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. [37] And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. [38] But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" [39] And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. [40] He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" [41] And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

--Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

Even though the situation appeared to be threatening, we can see at least three good reasons why His disciples should have been at peace:

1. The first is that with Jesus on board they should have found...Peace in His _____:

As we read our Bibles, we discover that there are two kinds of storms:

- (1) Storms of _____, when God disciplines us; and
- (2) Storms of PERFECTION, when God helps us to grow.

2. But, the disciples also should have found...Peace in His _____.

"there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. [38] Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?'" (v. 37).

1. Jesus' disciples should have found...Peace in His _____.

"Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Hush, be still.' And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. [40] And He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? How is it that you have no faith?'" (v. 39).