

**Jesus Asked This Following Question:  
WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?  
March 11, 2018**

**In a storm – Why are you so afraid?  
Need a miracle – Do you believe I can do this?  
Ongoing Challenge – Do you want to be well?  
With Spiritual Doubts – Why do you doubt?**

**Jesus Liked Boats and Water**

**Matthew 4:13 (NIV)** “Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake.”

**Luke 5:1-3 (NIV)** “One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup>He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat.”

**Mark 4:35-36 (NIV)** “That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side.’ <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him.”

**Mark 4:37 (NIV)** “A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.”

**Mark 4:38 (NIV)** “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?’ ”

**Mark 4:39-40 (NIV)** “He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to His disciples, ‘Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?’ ”

**Mark 4:41 (NIV)** “They were terrified and asked each other, ‘Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!’ ”

**TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU’RE IN THE STORM**

**1. You’re in the storm with God’s presence.**

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**John 16:33 (NIV)** “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.”

**1 Corinthians 7:27-28 (NIV)** “Are you pledged to a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? Do not look for a wife. <sup>28</sup>But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.”

**Having Jesus in the boat doesn’t mean the storm won’t rock you. It does mean it won’t sink you.**

**Never let the presence of a storm cause you to doubt the presence of God!**

**2. You’re in the storm for God’s purposes.**

**I can’t tell you if God caused it or allowed it, but I can tell you God always uses it.**

**James 1:2-4 (NIV)** “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

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**The fear of the storm was replaced by the fear of the Lord.**

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)** “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”