



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, how wonderful to know that you are my provider and deliver, my sustainer and helper, my hope and strength, my Lord, and my God. As the difficulties and dangers at home and abroad seem to increase with every passing day, I pray that my eyes will be looking away from the circumstances of life, which can become so overwhelming. May the eyes of my heart be fixed on Jesus who created all things by the word of his mouth, upholds all things by the strength of his infinite power, and holds me fast in the palm of his hands - to whom be all honour and glory, Amen.

- Knowing Jesus

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

What would you rather do: sing, but not be able to dance, or dance, but not be able to sing?

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WORD

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

[JOHN 6:16-21](#)

"So be of good cheer, for Jesus Christ will come to you even when it is all dark around you. And here is another word of cheer for you, namely, that when he does come, it will be in a way that will give you a higher sense of his glory than you ever had before. You have seen him on the land, but you have never yet seen him on the water. Well, you could not see him walking on the water, unless you were on the water yourself; and you could not see Jesus Christ calming the storm unless there was a storm to be quieted; and if the wind did not blow, you could not tell whether he could control it. Trial is absolutely necessary in order to reveal to us some of the attributes of our gracious God."

-Charles Spurgeon on John 6:16-21

"Take heart, faint hearted; take heart, burdened one; take heart, you who feel you are sailing through heavy seas. Our God is a God who walks on water, and with him in our lives, we can come immediately to the other side. Be "glad" then to take Jesus into the boat of our life today; ask him to lead you and guide you, and be your Lord and your King. Rejoice in his presence and beauty and the power that he has to guide you safely to the other side of the storm."

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GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = never; 10 = always), how often do you become worried about the "storms" of your life (i.e. difficult circumstances you may face)? Why do you rate yourself this way?
2. Why did Jesus walking on water produce fear in the disciples?
3. "Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going (verse 21)." Is Jesus in the "boat" of your life's journey? If so, are you glad he is?
4. And so, here are the disciples, in the middle of the Sea of Galilee without Jesus. They are likely confused, disappointed, and maybe even disillusioned. And at this moment, a storm came upon them, forcing them to row desperately. Mark 6:48 tells us that they were still rowing at the fourth watch of the night between 3:00am- 6:00am. So, they've been rowing for at least nine hours and have only made it three to four miles. They are tired, hungry, and probably wondering, "Where is Jesus? Why has he left us in a storm to fend for ourselves? This is not what we signed up for when we decided to follow Jesus!"

Has Jesus ever seemingly left you to face a storm on your own?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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