

Peace in the Storm

Matthew 8:18, 23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

By all human standards, the disciples were in real danger. They were experienced fishermen, having sailed this lake for years in all kinds of weather. This storm was violent and unrelenting, and their boat was filling with water.

But after they awoke Jesus, He delivered them easily with a few words. Then He rebuked them for their unbelief. They had been terrified in the storm, while He had simply slept through it. Why the difference?

Jesus knew that He lived in the Father's constant care. The Father was completely real to Him. He was always the focus of Jesus' thoughts and desires. Why should Jesus be afraid when He lived every moment in the personal care of the Master of the universe?

The disciples had indignantly called Jesus to share their fear. Jesus calmly called them to share His rest – His complete and constant rest in the Father.

Like the disciples, we tend to live in response to our circumstances. Jesus calls us to live in response to our Father. Instead of focusing on our situation, Christ invites us to rest in the peace of our Almighty, all-wise, all-loving God. He calls us to look to Him, love Him, trust Him, rejoice in Him, and rest in Him every moment.

Peace is not a situation. Peace is a relationship with God.

Hymn: [Peace in the Storm](#)

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