

The Authority of Peace

Mark 4:35-39

As the disciples cross the sea, they encounter a windstorm which overtook the boat. Jesus was asleep on a cushion in the stern and the disciples were terrified.

This story is not about a weather event, but about who has the authority. They pray and literally solicit the Lord's help.

Jesus had directed them to go to the other side of the sea. He said, "Let us go," and the disciples obeyed. The destination was not an uncertainty, but what they would encounter on the way was. Being obedient to God does not exempt you from adversity, but at his invitation you are guaranteed to reach your destination. You may face opposition, but it is only a checkpoint, not a stop sign.

The water had begun to enter the boat. Similarly in life, the external becomes the internal and chaos causes us to internalize things if left unchecked.

The disciples were in panic mode and awakened Jesus. The conditions were not favorable and their faith had waned. Jesus was in the boat but he was silent. When he spoke he commanded the storm to be still. When it happened the disciples questioned who he was that the wind and the sea obeyed him.

God's word is sovereign and when the fullness of his divine timing is right, he speaks. The storms of life are real. Jesus' presence is real, and his peace is real. No matter what the circumstances are, if he is in your boat, he will lead safely to your destination.

