

NEXT STEPS: PART 2

Read this story about Jesus and His friends crossing the sea of Galilee. Remember that among the friends were at least four men who had made their living as fishermen on this lake. They knew the lake and knew boats. They didn't know Jesus yet. Look at the various questions asked by the friends and asked by Jesus.

MARK 4:35-41 | JESUS CALMS A STORM

[35] 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 the wind and the sea obey him?" (ESV)

1. They woke Jesus up with a question. What are they feeling about Him that leads to that question?
2. Once He calms the storm Jesus asks them why they were afraid. What do you think they would have said about why they were afraid? What does Jesus imply the reason is for their fear?
3. What is faith? How would you define it for someone?
4. His friends' reaction to Jesus' calming the storm is "great fear" (v.41). How is this fear different from their fear of the storm?
5. What fears do you have that you think Jesus will eventually address?
6. Read Matthew 14:22-33 before you watch the next video.