

- I) V35-41 INTRO: On the same day when evening had come He said to them *Let us cross over to the*
 - a) Jesus had spent an entire day ministering to the people
 - 1) He was in the city of Capernaum, and had been sitting in a boat, teaching a multitude
- II) DURING THE TEACHING: He chose to use parables, illustrating principles of the kingdom of God
 - a) Ch 4 contains several of the parables that Jesus taught that day
 - 1) It is now evening, and it is time for Him to leave Capernaum and to cross the sea of Galilee
- III) UNDOUBTEDLY: He and His men are tired, as it has been a long day of ministry
 - a) JESUS: Had been sitting in the boat throughout the long day
 - 1) Mk 4:1 tells us that Jesus got into a boat and sat in it on the sea
 - 2) V35 Without leaving the boat, He now orders the disciples to set off for the other side
- IV) HIS DESIRE: To leave the area is more than likely in order to continue ministering to others
 - a) IMPORTANT: It is not in order to get away from the pressure of the crowds
 - 1) This would be because He came to minister to them
 - 2) Mk 1:38 Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because *for this purpose* I have come forth
- V) ON THE OTHER HAND: His disciples became so tired they wanted to simply get away from crowds
 - a) This was something that they would need to learn to deal with
 - 1) Mk 6:35-36 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour *is* late. *Send them away*, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat.
- VI) HIS DISCIPLES: Obviously were in their season of being trained in ministry
 - a) They would need to be trained to see things through and eye of faith
 - 1) At that time, they only saw too many people and inadequate supplies
 - 2) They were tired, and they wanted to send the people away: logical, but lacking in faith and love
- VII) ANY CASE: The crowds continue pursuing Him
 - a) V36 NOTICE: And other little boats were also with Him
- VIII) V37 AND: A *great windstorm* arose and the waves beat into the boat so that it was already filling
 - a) In the cool of the evening, a sudden storm strikes as they are crossing the Lake
 - 1) WINDSTORM: A violent shaking; It is so violent that it even shook the water
- IX) THE SEA OF GALILEE: Is surrounded by hills and is like a basin
 - a) Wind from the sea blows through a cleft in the mountain and meets cool air from Mt Hermon
 - 1) The cool air makes contact in the basin with the warmer air and becomes violent
 - 2) The waves were crashing on the boat and filling it with water
- X) V38 BUT: He was in the stern asleep on a pillow (cushion, bolster, possibly wood)
 - a) KEY: Jesus is exhausted: He has ministered all day, and is now asleep
 - 1) HE IS AT PEACE: The wind and waves were not capable of awakening Him
 - 2) Ps 4:8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety
- I) V38 AND: They awoke Him and said to Him Teacher, *do You not care* that we are perishing

- a) Mt 9:25 His disciples came to Him and awoke Him saying Lord, *save us!* We are perishing
 - 1) WHILE HE SLEEPS PEACEFULLY: His men were terrified
 - 2) KEY: They think they are about to meet their Maker but don't realize: *they already have!*

- II) V38 NOTICE WHAT THEY SAY: Teacher, *don't you care that we perish?*
 - a) Do you have no concern for us? How can you lie there when we are in this danger?
 - 1) Do we mean nothing to You? Is this something that doesn't even draw your attention?

- III) FACT: This is a typical question people ask the Lord constantly:
 - a) FATHER: You see me in danger, but it seems to me that You simply do not care
 - 1) Ps 10:1 Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble?
 - 2) Ps 13:1 How long O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will You hide your face from me
 - 3) Ps 44:23-24 Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast *us* off forever. Why do You hide Your face, And forget our affliction and our oppression?

- IV) THIS QUESTION: Is the most frequently asked question by believers and non-believers alike
 - a) IF GOD IS GOOD: Then why does He not act to help us in our time of need?
 - 1) Why is God silent when we cry out to Him?
 - 2) WE CONCLUDE: He does not care that we are perishing

- V) FACT IS: We all go through various things and none of us are exempt from hard times
 - a) Sometimes we oppressed, people cry out to those who cannot help but not to God
 - 1) Job 35:9-10 Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out; They cry out for help because of the arm of the mighty. But no one says, 'Where is God my Maker, Who *gives songs in the night*

- VI) THE POINT: God gives us songs in the night seasons of our lives
 - a) This causes us to draw near to Him in order to learn that He is always with us
 - 1) One of the most basic ways that faith is formed is through trials
 - 2) Jn 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

- VII) V39 THEN: He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea *Peace be still*
 - a) KEY: The disciples are about to learn a tremendous lesson
 - 1) God is aware of their every need and does not leave them nor forsake them (JER 33:3)
 - 2) Ps 18:6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears.

- VIII) V39 HE: Said to the sea Peace, be still (Muzzled) and the wind ceased and there was a great calm
 - a) IMMEDIATELY THE WIND CEASED: And there was a great calm
 - 1) JESUS: Reveals to us that we worship a God who acts on our behalf

- IX) POINT: Jesus is the Master over creation: He speaks a word, and nature responds
 - a) Ps 89:9 You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.
 - b) Ps 107:29-30 He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

- I) V40 BUT: He said to them Why are you so fearful (cowardly, timid)? How is it that *you have no faith*
 - a) MEN: You asked Me a question a moment ago: now allow Me to ask you one

- 1) Why are you so fearful? Why are you so faithless?
- II) AT FIRST: You might not understand why He is so confrontational
 - a) THE ANSWER: Jesus had actually sent them into the storm
 - 1) Storms and times of uncertainty actually are used by the Lord to teach us trust
 - 2) Each person who trusts in the Lord goes through storms that test them in every way
- III) THE OBVIOUS APPLICATION IS SIMPLE: God wants to change our fear into faith
 - a) They way He does this is by allowing us to be in places where faith is tested and strengthened
 - 1) Jn 6:66-69 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- IV) AGAIN: Why was Jesus so confrontational? Why did He question their faith?
 - a) The answer to this question is found in V35
 - 1) Jesus had said: Let *us* cross *over* to the other side
 - 2) ANSWER: He intended to make it through the entire journey and they would too!
- V) THE FACT IS: As long as they were with Him, they were perfectly safe
 - a) This is why He could sleep: He was going to make it and so were they!
 - 1) Is 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'
 - 2) Phil 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ
- VI) V41 AND: They feared exceedingly and said to one another Who can this be that even the wind
 - a) They are still afraid, but this time with a holy fear
 - 1) Who is this Man, really?
- VII) THE ANSWER: He is the Lord of the earth and the Lord of the sea
 - a) Ps 89:8-9 O LORD God of hosts, Who *is* mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.
 - 1) POINT: With Jesus in the midst, there will never be anything to fear