

WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?

Mark 4:35-41

Introduction: The disciples were in a small boat crossing a lake/sea when a terrifying storm came upon them suddenly. Although fishermen all their lives, they were just unable to do much of anything. They were taking water, they were helpless, they just couldn't do anything. In desperation they finally woke Jesus who was so tired that He was asleep. Jesus asked them "why are you afraid?" He was there with them yet they were still afraid.

1. We are often like those disciples in the boat aren't we, think about it, place yourself there.
2. There are storms all around us as it was around the disciples.
 - sickness, sorrow, stress, neglect.
 - loneliness, sin, temptations, suffering, disappointment, disease, emotions, tension, poverty, failure, accidents, handicaps, complaints, doubt, mistreatment, pressure, misunderstanding, gossip, abuse, hospitalization, death.
 - Storms that rage, that frighten, helplessness to overcome.
3. We can be doing what and living as God wants and still they happen.
 - Obedience doesn't keep away the storms of life.
 - The presence of the Lord doesn't keep away the storms as with the disciples that day in the boat.
4. We can lose hold of our faith as did the disciples.
 - We ask the same question of the Lord, "Lord, don't you care about us?"
 - Aren't you supposed to take care of us?
 - Don't you care that I am in trouble, even perishing?
5. Jesus' words had an effect on both the disciples and the storm.
 - Jesus does care.
 - Jesus is able to keep us from falling and sinking under the storms of life.
 - Jesus is hurt when we call on Him LAST.

CONCLUSION:

1. All of us have storms of some sort, at some time or other.
2. All of us Christians have Jesus' presence during these storms.
3. Jesus does know, He does care and He will do something to protect and see us through.
4. Let's just not wait till He's the LAST one to call on when we have troubles, let Him be FIRST.