

## **“Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”**

Mark 4:35-41

### **I. If God calls us to it, He will see us through it.**

📖 Mark 4:35–36a (NIV84) “That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.”<sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat.”

📖 Mark 5:1 (NLT) “So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes.”

### **II. What is calm now, can quickly become chaotic.**

📖 Mark 4:37 (NIV84) “A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.”

📖 Matthew 8:24 (NIV84) “Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake...”

📖 Matthew 8:24 (The Msg) “The next thing they knew, they were in a severe storm...”

### **III. If it scares us, it must really terrify them.**

📖 Mark 4:38–39 (NIV84) “Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.”

📖 Mark 4:36b (NIV84) “There were also other boats with Him.”

### **IV. Whatever we fear, reveals a lot about us.**

📖 Mark 4:40–41 (NIV84) “He said to His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

📖 Luke 8:25 (NIV) “Where is your faith?” He asked His disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him.”

📖 Psalm 89:8–9 (NIV84) “O Lord God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you. <sup>9</sup> You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.”

📖 Psalm 33:8 (NLT) “Let the whole world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of Him.”

📖 Proverbs 9:10 (NLT) “Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.”

📖 Proverbs 14:26 (NLT) “Those who fear the Lord are secure; He will be a refuge for their children.”

**Digging Deeper:** Andrew Murray wrote, “God is willing to assume the full responsibility for the life totally yielded to Him.”



—Is your life totally yielded to God? If not, why not? Whatever you are going through, God will see you through.

—Do you believe that? What scares you? What scares those around you? Do you fear God? What is the difference between fearing God and being afraid of God?