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Jesus is in Your Boat ~ Pastor Trey Dickerson

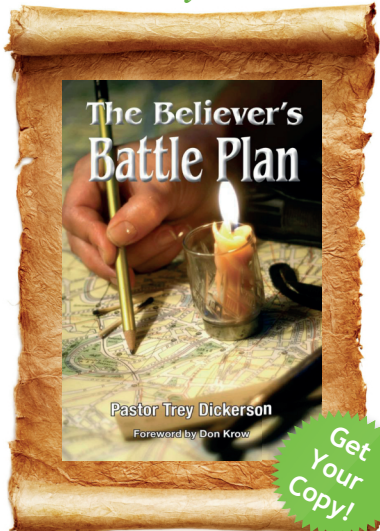
In Mark 4:35-41, we have an account from the life and ministry of Jesus which I believe teaches us an invaluable truth for our journey through life. This passage contains that familiar story of Jesus stilling the winds & waves, but I would like us to focus today primarily on the setting of this story—for I believe it is an analogy of our lives and provides the backdrop of the attitude we should possess when confronted with life’s storms.

The story begins with— “On the same day, when evening had come...” (vs. 35). Saints, we need to likewise be prepared for the “evening” that is to come in our lives—that is, that evil day where the storms of life crash into our boat. None of us are exempt from this. Jesus promised that if we live in this world, we will have tribulation (John 16:33). But this is exactly what Jesus spent the day doing—preparing His disciples for this boat ride through the storm—because notice that these troubled waters occurred “on the same day.” The same day as what? The same day Jesus spent hours teaching them how the

kingdom works and how God’s Word brings the fruit of God’s kingdom in our lives. We see this clearly in verse 35 when Jesus—the Word made flesh Himself—said to His disciples: “Let us cross over to the other side!” Church, like it is oftentimes with us, they apparently didn’t truly realize that these words were not just the words of a man and the power that they held. No, the truth is these words uttered by Jesus were life-giving and able to empower his disciples if they would just mix faith with them. Yes, His words in themselves had the power to cause them to



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2 Corinthians 3:17 says, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom).”

Wherever the Spirit is Lord, that’s where there is freedom. Where He is welcomed as supreme in authority, that is where you will find freedom and justice for all. There is no revelation, vision, joy, peace or freedom without the Holy Spirit. He is worthy to receive our reverence, affection, faith, love, devotion, and complete surrender.

Expect the Spirit to be intimately involved in your life, and respect and invite His presence. The Holy Spirit desires to be in close fellowship with you. There is an overflowing life of adventure to those who embrace His awesome fellowship.

Are you experiencing this extraordinary satisfaction of the Spirit? If not, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what you can do daily and more freely abandon yourself to His friendship. He permanently abides in you to strengthen, encourage, and guide. Go to Him anytime, anywhere. You are free to be yourself with Him.

(“Jesus is in Your Boar” continued)

get to the other side, no matter how much adversity would come. Amen!

Now the terminology Jesus used here is important: He did not say, “We are going to cross over to the other side.” He said, “Let us cross over to the other side.” Why is this important to understand? It is because it was not just up to Jesus whether they crossed over those troubled waters. His disciples had to “let” it happen—signifying to us that we have a part to play in overcoming the obstacles of life and getting to the other side. And the simple part we have to play is just believing the Word that the Lord has given us. Amen.

But notice what happened next in verse 37. It says, “And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.”

You know, I believe that what happened to Jesus & His disciples on these open waters some 2,000 years ago describes what happens to every one of us. I see it as a type & shadow of how fear and anxiety affects us today. You see, when these “great windstorms” arise in our lives, seemingly out of nowhere like it did with Jesus’ disciples here, there are “waves” that beat into our boats as well. I would liken these “waves” to the emotions, fears, anxieties that come as a result of the adverse situations and circumstances that arise in our lives. And like we see in this story, these worries and cares like to also beat into our souls to where they become “filled” with those troubled waters. I’m sure we all can relate to this, right? And this is where the battle is won or lost. Are we going to “let” these cares fill our soul up or are we going to “let” His Word take us to the other side?

But where was Jesus while all of this was going on? I want you to notice what Jesus was doing while His disciples were “flooded” with these cares. Verse 38 tell us, “But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow.” So, we can see that while all of this was going on, Jesus was simply taking a nap! No, he wasn’t troubled in the least; He was just resting while everyone else was fretting.

So, I believe the analogy here is obvious: The boat is our life (i.e. our soul), and as we told elsewhere in the Scriptures, Christ is in us. And since Christ is in us, we have a hope of the glory of getting to the other side (Colossians 1:27)! Why? Just because **Jesus is in our boat**. Amen!

My brothers and sisters, if this truth lived in our heart, we would have a hard time ever losing our peace when these storms of life came crashing into our boat. Just consider it for a moment: if Jesus’ disciples would have just considered that Jesus was in the same predicament they were in, it would have changed their outlook, wouldn’t it? Did they really believe that Jesus

did not care about their plight? After all, was He not in the boat with them? If they would have honestly thought about it, they would have known that the Lord Himself was not going to drown. So, not only did they have the Word that they were to go to the other side, they also had the Lord in the boat with them. So, if for no other reason than that, they should have known they were not going to sink in the middle of the sea. Amen?

So, just like it was with Jesus’ disciples here, if we would just consider that Jesus is resting in our boat, then we should have no problem resting in Him. He is in our lives, saints! Therefore, He has a stake in the game and is certainly not going to let us drown! He is going to make sure we cross over the windstorms of this world and get to our destination! Hallelujah!

So, in conclusion, I will ask you today: **If Jesus is resting in you, shouldn’t you be resting in Him?** Selah.

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