

LESSONS FOR LIFE



³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ 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?”

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man

5 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ^[a] **Mark 4:35-5:1 [a]**



A. A Portrait of life

- a) An Introduction – “Let us cross to the other side”
- b) Opposition – “A great windstorm arose”
- c) A Conclusion – “Then they came to the other side”



You must be born again. John 3:7

In the world you will have tribulation John 16:33

In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you..... I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14:2.-3

And other little boats were also with Him Mark 4:36



B. The Personification of Faith

But He was in the stern asleep on a pillow Mark 4:38[b]

Faith may not always take you out of the storm, but it enables you to rest in the storm

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God Matthew 4:4

So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing from the word of God Romans 10:17



Jesus was immersed in the word

He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.
Isaiah 50:4[b]



C. A Paradox about fear

And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing? Mark 4:38[b]

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

Fear / cowardice has two outcomes

- a. It will drive you away from Jesus to distraction and defeat**
- b. It will drive you to Jesus and deliverance**



You must have victory in a situation
before you can have victory over it.



D. A Pattern for the Fight

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. Mark 4:39

He rebuked the wind – the invisible force

And said to the sea – the visible entity



The vital key - Discernment

To another, discerning of spirits 1Corinthians 12:10

But solid food is for the mature, who through practice have their senses trained to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:14



The Lesson

Treat everything as natural until the Lord shows you it is supernatural.