

## Mark 4:35-41 - Faith in the Boat

- 1) **Q: How would you define faith? What is it?** (Take notes)
  - a) Trust without proof
  - b) What if there is proof to the contrary?
- 2) Mark 4:35-41
  - a) In my Sunday School the attitude was “foolish disciples, Jesus was with you.”
    - i) **Q: What do you think of the disciple’s reactions to the storm?** (put ourselves in their situation)
      - (1) Realistic - Situation
        - (a) Hurricane conditions (AMP v. 37)
        - (b) Several other boats in trouble (v. 36)
        - (c) Taking on water (v. 37)
      - (2) Bit of an attitude
        - (a) Although struggling and shocked Jesus was asleep, they challenged him
      - (3) Where is Jesus?
    - b) **Q: What did Jesus correct them for?** (Although not severely)
      - i) Fear
      - ii) **Q: How do you think Jesus wanted the disciples to react?**
        - (1) Turned to Him for help, but without fear
- 3) Why I brought this up
  - a) Situation
    - i) Hurricane conditions – experiencing struggle
    - ii) Several other boats – others around you are in trouble
    - iii) Taking on water – critical situation (proof that things are not going well!)
  - b) My personal “lake”
    - i) As a leader, share your fears in areas of work, family, etc. The more you open up and are honest, the more they will open up and allow themselves to be ministered.
  - c) But, Jesus still expects us to not be afraid
    - i) “Fear not” – 365 times in the Bible
    - ii) Their situations
  - d) How did we define faith?
    - i) Phil 4:6-7
    - ii) Instead of typical prayer request, go around and declare your faith over your situation