

THE PLACE CALLED THIS

PART 3

Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

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Then he asked them, “Why are you **afraid?** Do you still have no **faith?**”

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THREE BIG IDEAS OF THIS SERIES:

1. THE PLACE CALLED **THIS**
2. THE POWER OF THE RIGHT **FLOAT-MATES**
3. THE **WHO** THAT IS **ABOVE** ALL OF **THIS**

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TRUTHS CONCERNING THE **WHO** THAT IS ABOVE ALL OF **THIS**

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2. HE IS THE ONE **WHO** IS WITH YOU DURING ALL YOUR **THIS**

* **he was with the disciples when they left the shore**

* **He was with them during the storm**

* **He was with them after the storm**

Hebrews 13:5 (The Message)

"Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, 'I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,' we can boldly quote, 'God is there, ready to help; I'm fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me?'"

John 14:16b

And I **will** ask the Father, and **he will** give you another Advocate, who **will never leave** you.

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THE WHO THAT IS ABOVE ALL THIS ASKS THE DISCIPLE A PROFOUND QUESTION:
WHY ARE YOU OF SO LITTLE FAITH?

Philippians 4:4, 6-8

Rejoice in the **Lord always**. I will say it again: **Rejoice!**

...Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by **prayer and petition**, with thanksgiving, present your **requests** to God.

And the **peace of God**, which **transcends all understanding**, will **guard** your **hearts** and your **minds** in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things**.

3 WAYS TO **INCREASE** YOU FAITH

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3. **PONDER**

V. 8

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