

THE PLACE CALLED THIS

Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “**Let’s cross to the other side** of the lake.” So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, **leaving the crowds** behind (although **other boats followed**). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

Jesus was **sleeping** at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “**Teacher, don’t you care** that we’re going to drown?”

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “**Silence! Be still!**” Suddenly the **wind stopped**, and there was a **great calm**.

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

The disciples were absolutely terrified. “**Who is this man?**” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”

TRUTHS WE LEARN FROM THE PLACE CALLED **THIS**:

1. TO GET FROM **HERE** TO **THERE**, YOU MUST **GROW** THROUGH **THIS**

James 1:2-4

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your **faith is tested**, your **endurance** has a chance to **grow**. So let it **grow**, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

2. YOU CAN'T GET TO **THERE** IF YOU SKIP **THIS**.

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I **press on** to **take hold** of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have **taken hold of it**. But one thing I do:

Forgetting what is behind and **straining toward what is ahead**, I press on **toward** the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

3. UNDERSTAND YOU ARE NOT THE **ONLY BOAT** IN **THIS** RIGHT NOW!

4. UNDERSTAND **NOT EVERY BOAT** HAS **JESUS** WITH THEM

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What can we do this week in our **THIS** to **grow** in our faith?

1. Keep **growing this**
2. Don't keep your spiritual distance with your float-mates
3. Quarantine yourself in with Jesus who is on your boat
4. Reach out to those who don't have Jesus on their boat