

“Two Fearful Questions...A Few Flooded Boats...One Fierce Savior!”

Mark 4: 35-41

Introduction: Some creative names given to boats

*One would think that clever names are what keep boats afloat, safe during the storms-NOT!

- The disciples would see:

“The boats and storm were the least of the disciple’s fears.”

“They had Jesus (the fierce Son of God) in their boat!”

- Jesus is the wind and wave whisperer!

Some Background:

The Message:

❖ *From the start of the passage, there is some danger in the air (vs.35):*

A. “On that day, when evening had come...”

B. Read carefully because there is still more in this first verse of the account: “...He said to them, *Let us go across to the other side.*”

❖ *Most of the disciples are very comfortable in boats until... (vss.36-39):*

A. Mark says something very interesting here: “And leaving the crowd, they took him with them, just as he was.”

B. The storm occurs!

C. “But” – interrupts the story (and winds and waves) – Jesus was asleep on a cushion in the stern – The back of the boat – Jesus is the contrast of the storm

D. They wake him and ask *the first* of two fearful questions: The disciples not the storm wake-Jesus

1. **“Teacher, do YOU not care that WE are perishing?” (vs.38)**

E. Jesus, like the unexpected endings of his parables does something that the disciples don’t expect

F. Notice what Jesus says after he does his thing!

❖ *The “aha!” teachable moment (vs.41):*

A. You parents and you teachers in the audience, this is what you long for – for your children and students to come upon a teachable moment

B. Notice the passage: “And they were filled with GREAT fear...”

1. ***The second fearful question:*** They said to one another, **“who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”**

Conclusion: Jesus is the “WIND AND WAVE WHISPERER!!!”

❖ Five Take-Aways from “Captain Obvious”:

1. **Storms don’t last forever -**

- 2. Practice obedience to trust Christ –**
- 3. We won't get weather reports-**
- 4. What levels are your spiritual, emotional, relational, physical “deposits” up to?**
- 5. Do you have trust and confidence in yourself? –**