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Red Letter – Part 4 – Fear Not
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35 As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." **36** So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). **37** But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.
38 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?"
39 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. **40** Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"
– Mark 4:35-41

WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?

✓ **The WIND** – can't be seen and we ask: **WHAT IF?**

✓ **The WAVES** – can't be missed and we ask: **HOW BAD?**

DO YOU STILL HAVE NO FAITH?

1) Faith that you're in the storm with HIS PRESENCE.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
– Psalm 46:1

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. – Psalm 23:4

2) Faith that you're in the storm for HIS PURPOSE.

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
– James 1:2-4

OVERCOMING FEAR WITH FAITH

40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" **41** The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!" – Mark 4:40-41

✓ **My hope is not in the BOAT. My hope is in the Lord.**

This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.
– Hebrews 6:19