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John 6:16-21

JESUS KNOWS - NOT EVERYTHING IN SCRIPTURE IS METAPHOR, BUT SOME ARE (IMAGERY)

John 6:16-19 - <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened.

**DARKNESS** v. 16-17

WAITING FOR JESUS, GOT DARK

WE DON'T TYPICALLY EXPERIENCE TRUE DARKNESS

**CHAOS** v. 18

SEA AS CHAOS/DISORDER

CHAOS OUTSIDE INSIDE

**FEAR** v. 19

A GHOST? WHAT IS HAPPENING?

JESUS THERE BUT UNUSUAL

JESUS NEAR

John 6:20-21 - <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

DARK V. LIGHT, JESUS V. WORLD

John 1:4-5 - In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Isaiah 17:12-14 - Ah, the thunder of many peoples; they thunder like the thundering of the sea! Ah, the roar of nations; they roar like the roaring of mighty waters! The nations roar like the roaring of many waters, but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away, chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind and whirling dust before the storm. **LIVING WATER**

WHEN JESUS DRAWS NEAR TO COMFORT, IT CAN FEEL LIKE THINGS WILL BE WORSE BEFORE BETTER **LIVING & ACTIVE GOD**

MAJESTY OF GOD IN FLESH

WHAT ABOUT MY STORM?

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

<sup>1</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.  
<sup>2</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.  
<sup>3</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
<sup>4</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

<sup>1</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.  
<sup>3</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"  
<sup>4</sup> "The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

<sup>21</sup> Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;  
<sup>22</sup> they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.  
<sup>23</sup> For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.  
<sup>24</sup> They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;  
<sup>25</sup> they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end.  
<sup>26</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>27</sup> He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
<sup>28</sup> Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.  
<sup>29</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
<sup>30</sup> Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

- JESUS HAD HIS EYE ON THEM, HE NEVER FORGOT THEM
- THE BIBLE NEVER PROMISES NO STORMS, BUT ENOUGH STRENGTH TO OVERCOME
- MATT 7 - RAIN COMES
- DISCIPLES STUMBLING FORWARD, LEARNING LIFE W/ JESUS IS BETTER
- EVERYTHING W/IN OUR POWER TO KEEP JESUS NEAR