

Let's Go

(Mark 4:35-41 NIV)

*"That day when evening came, he (Jesus) said to his disciples, **Let us go over to the other side.** ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"*

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Storms are a common metaphor for the adversity and trials that we all face in life.

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We are never promised a storm free life, but we are promised a storm proof life.

Keys to Persevering:

1. Remember who is in the boat with you - *You are not alone in the storm*

○ **His Presence**

(Isaiah 43:2)

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you."

Real peace is not found in the absence of a storm. Peace is found in the presence of Jesus.

2. Remember what He has spoken to you – *He is faithful to His Word.*

"Let us go over to the other side." **(:35)**

○ **His Promises**

(Matthew 7:24-25)

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

Fear is the anticipation of loss; faith is the expectation of seeing God do the miraculous.

3. Remember He is greater than the storm: *The one who spoke the worlds into existence spoke the storm into submission.*

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- **His Power**

The storm has power, and Jesus has power. The difference is that Jesus loves you, and the storm doesn't.

(Romans 8:35)

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? "

4. Remember, this is not just about you: *Don't quit, your faith will affect the progress of others*

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- **His Pursuit**

(Luke 8:26-27)

"They sailed to the region of the Gerasene, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town."

