



On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Mark 4:25-41

“Calming the Storm”
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Context: We all face _____ in life. Remember, we are not alone!
Due to the mountains to the _____ of the lake, unpredictable terrible storms caught even seasoned fishermen by surprise. Even so, Jesus l_____ the Sea of Galilee. It is eight miles across and _____ miles long, the lowest freshwater lake in the world. Water from s_____ melt on Mount Hermon to the north feeds the lake. Jews lived on the northwest side of the lake with Romans, Greeks and other Gentiles on the _____ shore known as Decapolis.

I. Story #1 Jesus Teaches, Blesses, and Calls (Luke 5:1-2)

Jesus steps into Peter’s boat to t_____ not fish . . . (5:3)
Jesus compensates Peter for his t_____ blessing him with fish. (4-6)
The blessing was b_____ than Peter imagined. (5:7)
Peter’s response was not one of joy but of terror, “Go _____ from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” (5:8).
Where in your life are you running to the Lord saying, “Go _____?”
Jesus responds, “Do not be _____; from now on you will be catching people.” (5:10-11) “They left _____ . . .”

II. Story #2 Jesus Calms the Wind and the Waves (Mark 4:36-38)

This was a l_____ fishing boat about 25 feet long.
Jesus went to sleep for the two-hour journey. They wake him up.
Jesus a_____ extends to the world of natural forces (39).
Jesus’ response, “Why are you _____? Have you still no faith?”



Faith trusts God is good and at work even when we don’t see it.
The disciples were *terrified* and said, “Who is this, that even the wind and the waves obey him?” (41 NIV)

III. Story #3 Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-26)

The disciples were t_____ and cried out in f_____.
Jesus says, *Ego eimi*, “I am.” “Do not be _____.” (27)
Peter walks on water too but cries out “Lord, s_____ me!” (28-30)
Others in the boat worship and say, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Action Steps: 1. Don’t p_____ away. Invite Jesus into _____
2. Step out of the boat in the m_____ of the storm. Don’t wait.