

## From Fear to Faith

Mark 4:35-41

- I. Introduction
- Background on the Gospel According to Mark
- Likely reported by Peter
  - Focus on action
  - Probable audience = Roman Christians
  - Probably written in mid-60's A.D.
  - Understood through grid of Messianic Hope (See Isaiah 9:6-7)
  - Progressive revelation of Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Son of God
- II. Two Statements
- A. *Let us go over to the other side.* (Jesus)
- Destination stated up front
  - Full of promise/assurance
  - 2 Timothy 1:12
- The Sea of Galilee
- Actual freshwater lake
  - Approximately 13 miles x 8 miles
  - Over 600 feet below sea level
  - Relatively shallow
  - Surrounded by mountains/hills
- B. *Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?*  
i.e. *Teacher, You do not care that we are perishing.* (Disciples)
- Questioning Jesus' care for them
  - Full of doubt/resentment
  - Romans 8:35-39; 2 Corinthians 4:7-12; Hebrews 11:39-40
- III. Two Questions
- A. *Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?* (Jesus)
- Afraid = Cowardly (v40)
  - Inverse relationship between fear and faith
  - Invitation to trust in Jesus
  - Matthew 6:25-34; 10:28-31; Hebrews 13:5-8

*B. Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him? (Disciples)*

- Afraid = In Awe (v41)
- Experiencing the intersection between fear and faith
- Growing trust in Jesus; Recognition of Him as Son of God
- Psalm 89:8-9; 104:5-9; 106:9; 107:23-32

IV. Conclusion

- Who is in control?
- Is He trustworthy...on His terms?
- Do you still fear?
  - About what?
- What would a faith-filled life look like?
- What impact would such a life have on others?