

## SCRIPTURE READING

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### Reflection

The disciples are caught in a real storm; waves crash, the boat fills, and fear takes over. Even though Jesus is with them, they panic and cry out, “Don’t you care?” Jesus rises and speaks: “**Peace! Be still!**” The wind stops.

Then Jesus addresses the storm inside them: “**Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?**” Their problem was not only the weather, but it was also what fear did to their faith. The passage ends with a new kind of fear: not fear of drowning, but awe of Jesus. *Holy fear* turns panic into worship.

### Practice This Week: The Boat Prayer

1. **Name the storm:** “Lord, I am facing \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. **Name the truth:** “Jesus, you are in the boat with me.”
3. **Take one step:** One small act of obedience today.

### Questions

- What circumstance is stealing your peace right now?
- What would trusting Jesus *before* the storm passes look like?

### Prayer

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