Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Isaiah 40:29 "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

C. Remember you have a <u>Friend</u> who sticks closer than a brother.

James 2:23 "And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend."

Proverbs 18:24 "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

D. The future with Jesus is bright.

2 Corinthians 4:17 "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ^[18] So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

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John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world."

James 1:2 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds. [3] because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. [4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

I. The Lord's <u>plan</u> included a trip across the Sea.

**Mark 4:35 "That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

Matthew 8:18 "When Jesus saw the crowd around Him, He gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake."

II. The Lord's <u>presence</u> was with the disciples on the Sea.

**Mark 4:36 "Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him."

Matthew 8:23 "Then He got into the boat and His disciples followed Him.'

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Hebrews 13:5 "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

III. The Lord allowed this powerful storm on the Sea.

A. This storm struck as they crossed the Sea.

**Mark 4:37a "A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped."

Matthew 8:24a "Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat, but Jesus was sleeping."

B. This storm nearly <u>sunk</u> their boat.

**Mark 4:37b "... the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped."

Luke 8:23b "... and they were in great danger."

C. The storm caused the disciples to <u>struggle</u> with fear.

1. They <u>wondered</u> if Jesus cared.

**Mark 4:38 "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?"

2. They worried that they could drown.

Matthew 8:25 "The disciples went and woke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

IV. The Lord brought peace to the storm on the Sea.

A. Jesus calmed the force of the wind and waves.

Psalm 147:5 "Great is the LORD and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit."

Colossians 1:16 "For in Him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. ^[17] He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

**Mark 4:39 "He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm."

Luke 8:24b "... He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided and all was calm"

Psalm 65:6 "Who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, ^[7] "Who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations."

Psalm 89:8 "O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you. ^[9] "You rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them."

Psalm 107:28 "Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distress. ^[29] He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. ^[30] They were glad when it grew calm, and He guided them to their desired haven."

B. Jesus confronted the <u>fear</u> of the disciples.

**Mark 4:40 He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Matthew 8:26a "He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?""

**Mark 4:41 "They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!"

Matthew 8:27 "The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey Him!"

Matthew 14:33b "... Truly, you are the Son of God!"

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Do not allow <u>fear</u> to control you during the storm.

Isaiah 41:13 "For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you."

B. Look to Jesus in <u>faith</u> as you deal with the storm.