

First Light

Scripture:

Mark 4: 35 That day when evening came, he 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?"

Thought for the Day:

Jesus led his disciples into a storm. Do you think Jesus forgot to check the weather forecast? Should he have stayed on the shore so they could have avoided the storm? Should Jesus have planned better? Or... perhaps do you think there were some lessons Jesus wanted his disciples to learn? Was this an opportunity for the disciples' faith to grow?

We all face storms in our own lives. And often, like the disciples, we become afraid. But we must remember three things: 1) When storms come, Jesus is with us; 2) Jesus may have led us into the storm because there is a lesson he wants us to learn; and 3) Storms are an opportunity for our faith to grow.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, when storms come, help us remember to not be afraid because Jesus is with us. Please give us insight into the lesson you may be trying to teach us. And through these storms and teaching, help us to grow stronger and become more like Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.

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