

## What Kind of Fear?

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Mark 4:35-41

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### Review:

- Mark has shown us confrontations between Jesus and the other kingdoms
- We have seen many responses to Jesus' ministry... why?
- We've seen 3 parables which help us understand God's Kingdom

### The Ultimate Question

- "Who is God?" "Who is Jesus?"
- Your answer affects your day-to-day life responses

### A Crisis of Faith for the Disciples 35-38

- After day of ministry, Jesus said to cross Lake Galilee
- Shallow lake known for violent storms
- Seasoned fishermen are terrified - Jesus sleeps
- Reality: facing terrifying circumstances; unable to fix them
- Paul faced similar 1 Cor 1:8-10
- Disciples in fear doubt Jesus' care for them

### A Look at Fear

- Fear is an interpretation of life
- Fear is not always an evil thing
- Fear is an interpretation of life
  - Our Fear = Situation + Self Ability + God Ability
- Our answer will determine our fear or our hope

### Christ's Response

- Jesus rebukes the storm<sup>39</sup> - *be quiet you've been muzzled!*
  - Jesus is Lord over Creation; nature obeys!
- Jesus rebukes disciples<sup>40</sup>
  - Why dread when I am here?
- Now disciples had great fear<sup>41</sup> - reverent fear of Jesus!

### Lessons Applied

- Do you realize that Jesus has purchased you and He will indeed care for you? Do you rest in His care or do you seek to control?
- Know God's Word: Ps 110:10; Prv 1:7; 9:10
- Church in Acts 9:31 - walked in fear of the Lord!
- Remember "perfect love casts our fear" 1 Jn 4:18
- Study John's 1<sup>st</sup> epistle and rest in God's love 1 Jn 3:16;4:9
- You can't control events of this world, but God can! So REST in a proper FEAR OF THE LORD in the storms of life!

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