

Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting is **TODAY** at 3pm. We plan to have Children's ministry and a Formation I teaching.
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Reflection

In reflecting on the [Gospel](#) today, I was surprised by the tone of the disciples in waking Jesus. "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Even after witnessing so many miracles, their faith was clearly being tested. But rather than share their concern with Jesus, they appear to have accused Him of not caring. Do we too at times jump to conclusions about the motives of another? Can we learn a similar lesson today based on what Jesus was trying to teach His disciples?

Jesus responds to the situation, as we have come to expect, peacefully and authoritatively rebuking the wind, commanding it to be still. We can learn a lot from this encounter also. Our earthly life is but a long test...will we choose what is seen or unseen. Life will present us test after test, trial after trial. How do we respond? Are we indignant, taking offense at those around us? Do we lose faith in our Lord and abandon our calling? Or do we respond to life's storms as Jesus shows us today, peacefully knowing that God is in control and whatever happens, happens according to His perfect will?

He asks us, as He asked His disciples, why be terrified? Maybe He is calling us home but most likely, whatever challenge we are facing, the challenge is meant to teach us faith...faith in Him...faith in His perfect will for us...faith that He wants better for us than we want for ourselves. Can we demonstrate our faith amid storms in our lives?

I can barely imagine the awe following the calming of the winds. Clearly His disciples are still trying to comprehend the reality of realizing that the God of the universe is in the boat with them. Who else could possibly command the elements? How this experience must have instantly changed them forever...

What a privilege it is for us, two centuries later, to be able to experience this same love, relationship, formation, power... The same God of the universe wants an

intimate personal relationship with us and is begging us to put our lives in His hands and trust Him. Through His Holy Spirit, He even gives us His power and promises that we will do even greater, as we follow His perfect will.

May we never be indignant with one another, may we never lose faith in our Lord, may we greet every trial and tribulation as a test, an opportunity to peacefully reaffirm God's unconditional love for us and ask Him what He is trying to teach us at this moment.

Let us pray, "Jesus, thank You for showing us the way to the Father. Thank You for the example of how to confront our trials and life's storms. Please send me Your Holy Spirit so that I can peacefully calm whatever storm life throws my way. I truly do love You with all my heart and want to give my life fully to You. Take control of every area of my life. *I surrender my life totally to You! I love You Lord. Amen*"

God Bless,
David