

Discussion Questions:

1. What does this passage teach us about trusting Jesus during difficult times in our lives?
2. How can we learn to recognize when Jesus is near, even in the middle of life's storms?
3. In what ways have you tried to "force" your own plans, just like the crowd who tried to make Jesus king, instead of following God's will?
4. How can we apply Jesus' example of withdrawing to seek God's will when we feel pressured by others' expectations?
5. How do you respond when it feels like Jesus is "absent" during challenging situations, like when the disciples were rowing in the storm without Him?
6. What fears are you harboring that you need to let go of when Jesus says, "It is I; do not be afraid"?
7. How can you invite Jesus into the "boat" of your life, especially when you're facing challenges or storms?
8. In what ways does Jesus' control over the storm in this passage motivate you to trust Him more in your own life?
9. In what ways have you experienced Jesus bringing peace and resolution to situations that seemed impossible?
10. How can verses 20-21 be applied to your spiritual journey?

Bible Reference

John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.",

1 Samuel 15:22 tells us the LORD delights in our obedience rather than sacrifice.

John 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.).

Hebrews 13:5-6 [5] Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." [6] So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Exodus 3:14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 John 4:18-19 [18] There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. [19] We love Him because He first loved us.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.