

Calm the Storm

MATTHEW 8:23-27

23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. **24** And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. **25** And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." **26** And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. **27** And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

When the disciples stepped into the boat they were quite confident. They knew this body of water. They knew how to navigate a boat. For many of them it was a familiar situation.

We Have confidence in familiar.

Jesus doesn't rebuke them for waking him, he rebukes them for their despair.

Despair: *Apollumi* "to be fully destroyed, implies permanent and absolute destruction."

How do you hear this phrase, "you of little faith"?

"You of little faith" is met with a "Peace be still"

Our faith grows tremendously when Jesus begins to work in our lives.