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What God says about what you say

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#10. "JESUS SPEAKS TO THE STORM"

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?"⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" [Also Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25]

This story continues the theme of Jesus speaking and being obeyed; this time, it is the forces of nature who are at his command. In a storm so fierce even experienced fishermen are panicking, Jesus *speaks* to the waves, and it becomes "completely calm."

This act so amazes the disciples that they are more afraid of the one *in* the boat than they were of the storm *outside* the boat!



Jesus addressed the raging storm as a "force" threatening him and his disciples. The force of the sea was muzzled as Jesus subdued it with his sovereign word of authority. ^{Lane}

The disciples were shocked at the power of their teacher to speak and control the ocean waves. But they should not have been surprised. The storm was out of control, their fears were out of control, but Jesus was never out of control. He has power over all the forces of nature, and he listens to the appeals of those who love him. ^{LABC}

We are far safer in the middle of a storm with God, than anywhere else without him. ^{Jeremy Taylor}

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