

## Marinating in God's Word: Mark 4:35-41

Storms get our attention – and that's with radar's warning and walls around us. How would the storm be out in a little boat? Scary indeed! But Jesus was there, which changed everything.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Fear – it can come upon us suddenly, or nag at us from within. When did fear come upon you suddenly? What happened? And have you had fear (anxiety) nag at you, even when there were no great external perils? Why do you think that is?
- As the disciples followed Jesus, saw him heal, and heard him teach, their faith grew. But when the storm arose, their faith suddenly faltered. Why? Is faith dependent on circumstance – or if not dependent upon circumstance, then vulnerable to circumstance? If so, must it be so?
- Jesus chided them for letting fear in the face of peril stifle their faith (v. 40). And then we read of a different kind of fear – they feared Jesus himself and what he had done (v. 41). What is the difference in their fear of the storm and their fear of Jesus? How does the latter dissolve the former?

Next week we will focus upon Matthew 21:28-32.