



Getting Ready for Sunday!

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 23 June 2024

A painting depicting Jesus in a boat, standing with his arms outstretched, calming a storm. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves. Several other people are in the boat, some looking towards Jesus with expressions of concern or awe. The scene is set at night or in a dark, stormy atmosphere.

Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them:

And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.

Let us go across to the other side.



The other side of the lake may be for us: a new day, a different place, a new experience.....

Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

Challenges/Storms/Difficulties arrive in our lives/families/community in unexpected places and times!

Is there a storm happening in your life now, or is all calm?

But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion;
and they woke him up and said to him:

Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?



The disciples panicked!

How do you react when difficulties
arrive in your life?

He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea:

Peace! Be still!



Do you need to ask Jesus to bring the gift of peace into any part of your life today?

Is there anything that you need to do, yourself, in order to bring about peace?

Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

He said to them:

Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?

Do you really believe in the power of God?

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another:

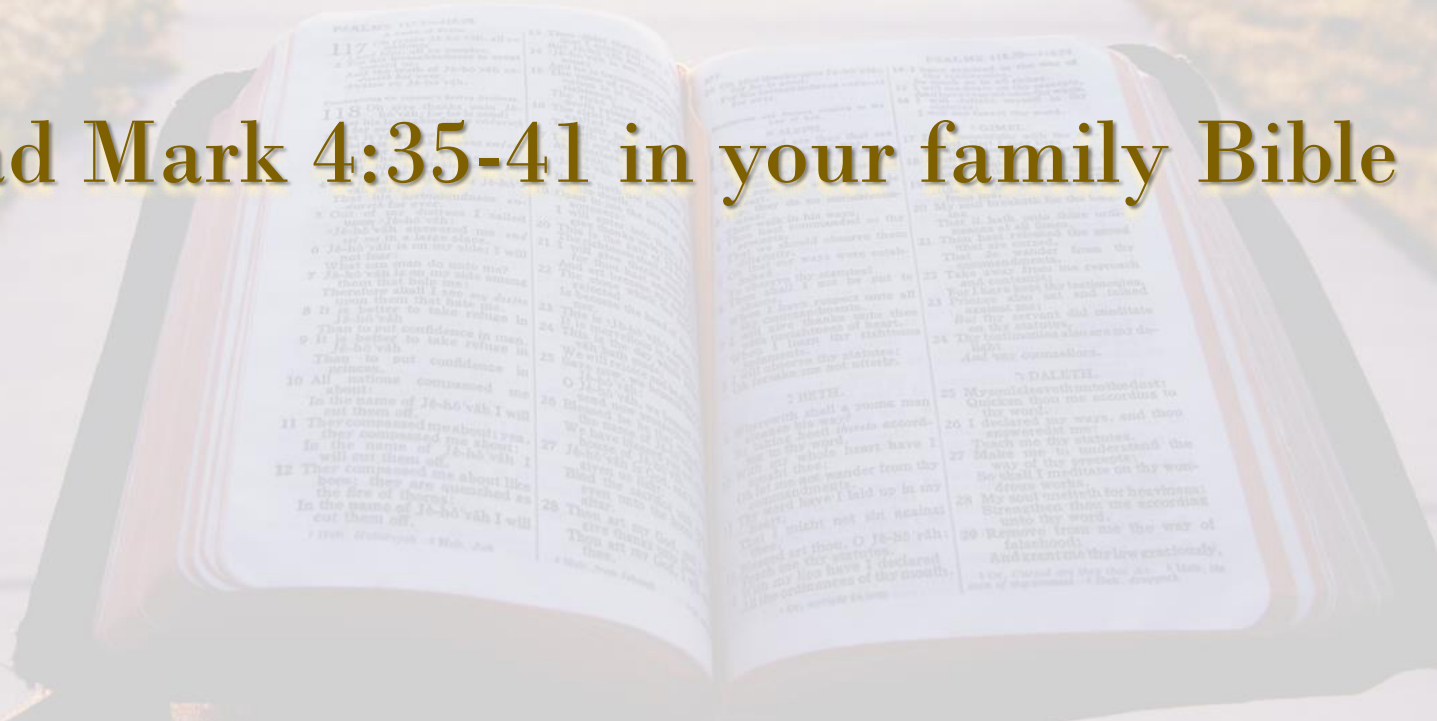
**Who then is this, that even
the wind and the sea obey
him?**



**Trust that God is in you and with you
in every difficulty that you experience.
God's Holy Spirit enables us to use our
gifts to live peacefully.**

Bible Search

Read Mark 4:35-41 in your family Bible



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 4:35-41

The image of a boat in a stormy sea is a symbol of life in difficult times and can represent inner turmoil, anxiety and high emotions. When you have been in such circumstances, perhaps a 'Jesus person' came to your assistance and calmed you down? Recall that person with gratitude.

The image can also be applied to a family, a community, a parish or any other group. Remember people who have had a gift of bringing peace to troubled situations.

The significance of miracles in the Gospels is that they show Jesus as one who brings God's power to bear on human need and suffering. Have there been times when you have been a channel for this healing power of God, holding a crying child in your arms, calming the anxiety of a friend, or being a peacemaker in a group to which you belong?

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Consider



When did you last notice God in action in your life?

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to really believe in God.

Ask God to help you to become more trusting.

