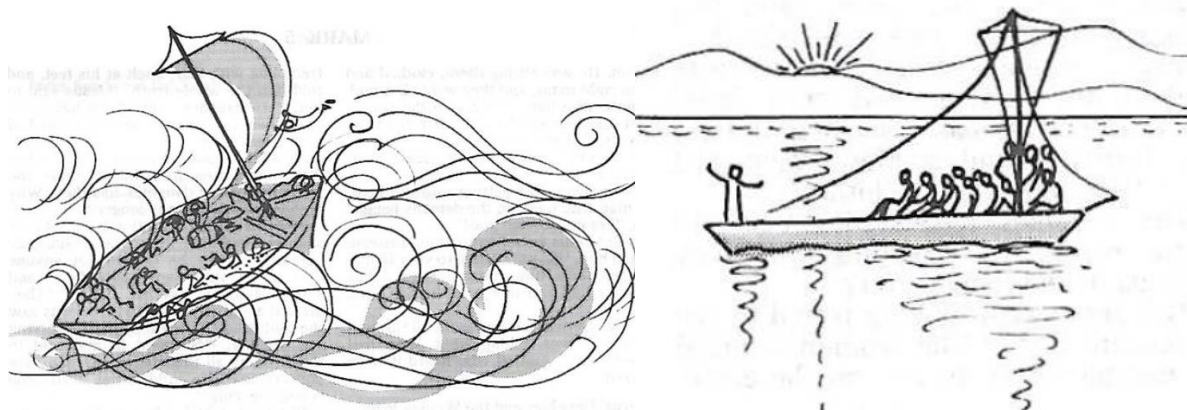


Life Group Notes for the Week Beginning Sunday 30 January 2022

Living The Jesus Way – Demonstrating Authority

Mark 4:35-41



Intro

Have you ever lived through an extreme weather event? What was it like?

Bible Study

Read Mark 4:35-41

As a whole group, or in twos or threes:

1. What strikes you about Jesus' behaviour in this account?
2. How would you describe the disciples' emotional state before and after Jesus calms the storm?
3. Read Job 38:8-11. What light does it shed the story of Jesus calming the storm?
4. What parallels can you see between the story of Jonah and the stilling of the storm?
5. How is Jesus greater than Jonah (Matthew 12:40-41)?
6. In what way was the faith of the disciples lacking?
7. Why were they still fearful after the storm had been calmed?

Issues

1. How could Jesus sleep through the storm?
2. Did the disciples really need to wake Him?
3. Does the Lord always calm our storms?
4. C. S. Lewis went through a terrible inner storm when his wife died shortly after they were married. In his account of it, *A Grief Observed*, he says that he cried out to the Lord for help and all he got was a door slammed in his face and silence!
What can we say to people who experience the same absence of God in their troubles?
5. Jesus performed miracles to “establish His identity and proclaim the good news of the kingdom” (Tracy Cotterell). How do miracles establish Jesus’ identity and proclaim His Kingdom?
6. “Miracles should be the norm in the church today.” Do you agree?
7. What would you say to someone who says: “Jesus did not really calm the storm. No one can do that. The wind just died down naturally.”

Reflection

Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again,
I call out to you again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble,
you lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm your love is the anchor,
my hope is in you alone.

Read Psalm 107