

Storms

Matt 14:22-33

The disciples had set out in the boat in obedience to Jesus' instructions but were faced with a very stormy weather that night. A number of things might have run through their minds-Perhaps they should have insisted on not getting into the boat! In spite of their Obedience to Jesus, they were now experiencing a storm and Jesus was nowhere to be found.

We sometimes experience storms even when we're in the centre of God's will and it can often seem like God is silent. But like the case of the disciples, Jesus is just a prayer away, that's why we call him Immanuel-God with us. He will be with us in times of trouble and will deliver us when we call on him-That's a promise (Ps 91:15).

For Peter, a word from Jesus was more tangible than the waves or Laws of physics and he steps out of the boat and begins walking towards Jesus. He however gets distracted by the wind and takes his eyes off Jesus and consequently begins to sink.

Like Peter, we might often find ourselves losing sight of God's word and 'Sinking' in the midst of Life's Storms, but God is our ever present help in times of trouble.

Application

Please select a couple of questions to discuss

1. What did God say to you on Sunday and what are you going to do as a result?
2. Have you ever felt like God was silent in the Storm? How did you deal with this?
3. After seeing Jesus walking on water, Peter wanted to do likewise but began to sink midway. In what ways have you set out to 'walk like' Jesus but ended up sinking?
4. Have you ever stepped out based on what you believed God was saying? If yes, what was your experience? If No, any particular reason?
5. It would be a good idea for anyone to share how God brought him/her through a storm. Is anyone currently going through a particularly difficult challenge-It would be good to pray with him/her.