

Wake Up The Master

“³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ³⁹He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4:35-41)

That day when evening came; a day with Jesus is not an ordinary day. You may think that this day is an ordinary one but with the Lord and for the Lord it will have a special meaning and purpose. You may plan for something or you may aim for something but God have another plan for your day. Jesus wants to take you over to the other side. Every now and then Jesus would take you from certain level to another level of maturity. Unwarningly Jesus would put you in a difficult situation to take you to a higher level of calling, ministry and service unto him.

Life with Jesus is a life full with excitement and good experience. And we may go with God's call with joy and gladness, but in certain times it become tough, painful and with tears as had happened with the disciples, *“A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.”* They could ask why all that happening and you may ask why all these trials happening while I had decided to follow the Lord. The trial or the turmoil that you are passing through is not from God but from the devil that trying to confuse you and oppose you not to go on and serve the Lord. In such circumstances you don't need to go back but to go on forward and to continue with the Lord trusting Him all along the way.

God allows winds in your life to teach you to rely on Him and to trust Him fully. God wants to build up your faith in Him. There is certain times while you are in trial people would come and help you and that is good. There are times that you go to people and ask them to help you while you are in trials and that is good and acceptable. But there are times there is no one beside you, even the people whom you know they can help, you cannot reach them; even those who want to help you but they are unable. At this time God wants you to rely only on Him.

Have you prayed, have you cried to God? You may have done all these but now the question has you waked him up? Jesus would allow a tremendous trial that even your life will be almost fall apart and things got scattered because He wants you to run to Him and to wake Him up.

Jesus wants to clean your heart from the doubts and the lack of faith that you may still have. And the way He do that by the frightening trial that now you pass through. He wants you to

express to Him all your emotions and your feeling truly as the disciples did, *“Teacher, don't you care if we drown?”* Such experience that Jesus put you in is in order to take away that lack of faith from your life. Then when you will see Jesus getting up, rebuking the wind and the waves, and said to the trials in your life, *“Quiet! Be still!”* Then you know who He is in your life. As you see the trial died down and life is completely calm as before then your faith in the Lord will be build up and the full trust in the Lord will be build up. ‘O Lord Thank you for the trials that you had allowed in my life so that I will know you better.’

The disciples *asked each other, "Who is this?"* As if they don't know who Jesus is. They were terrified and amazed with the experience that they pass through and how God delivered them miraculously from it. You may say, *“Even the wind and the waves obey him!”* Yes they will obey if Jesus would say to them *“Quiet! Be still!”* What circumstances bothering you right now and who are the people who are putting you in hardship and trials, the Lord can have full control on the situation; trust Him, wake Him up and cry to Him and you will see how everything will be calm.

At the Beginning of Mark 4 Jesus got into a boat and started to teach the crowd, He taught them many things by parables. Then at the end He asked His disciples to go with Him to the other side of the lake. There is time that we learn good things from the Lord and the time will come when Jesus will take us and help us to put all what learn in practice. God wants to mold you more through the trials that He allows to happen in your life. God allow all what you pass through so that you will be transformed in God's hand with the help of the Holy Spirit to make you a person that God wants you to be.

At the end of the trial and after the wind and the waves calmed down, Jesus and His disciples landed on the other side of the lake. In the other side of the lake Jesus did important miracle were a man possessed with demons got delivered. That is why Satan will oppose you and will try to hinder you from doing the work of God. Jesus as He takes us to another level of our lives and ministry the devil will try to oppose and gives troubles but we need not to be shaken. We should not be afraid! Jesus is with us, He is there, He is sleeping not because He is tired but He wants us to wake Him up, and turn to no one but to Him only in times of trials and troubles.

My Dear and Beloved: The Word of God said, *“Leaving the crowd behind,”* You need to leave the crowd behind and go with the Lord where He is calling you to do His will. To witness the great miracles of Jesus you need to separate yourself from the world. God's calling should have the top priority in your life. Be clear minded and commit your life and your way to the Lord. This time is the time for you to be mature and take the responsibility and go along with the Lord to the other side that He wants you to go with Him as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the death on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for Your encouraging Word to me. Lord I commit myself into your hand. I will fully put my trust in you, I will not be shaken, in times of troubles I will run to you, I will wake you up to rise and rebuke whatever raging wind against me so that I will continue to go on and serve you. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.