

# Confidence to Face a Crisis

Mark 4:35-41 (NLT)

## **1. A promise – “let’s go over to the other side” V.35**

### **2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

- It is an expression of faith, that all promises in God are fulfilled.
- The word “amen” is the Greek form of the Hebrew word meaning “to confirm.”
- Jesus Christ fulfills all of God’s promises for us.
- God’s promises are easy to believe when everything is in peace.

## **2. A fierce storm came up – V.37**

- The storms test our character.
- Trusting in God means to look past what we can see, to see what God sees.
- Galileans fishing boats were small. Surviving examples were 8.2 meters (27 ft) long, 2.3 meters (7.5 ft) wide, and possibly 1.3 meters (4.3 ft) deep.

**Application:** the storms in our lives don’t announce themselves, they just rise up

The storm of illness

The storm of finances

The storm in the family

The emotional and spiritual storm: depression, anxiety, fear, insomnia

## **3. Sleeping through the storm – V.38**

## When the Fear of God Leaves the Church

- The Glory is a sovereign move of God

The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil;

Pride and arrogance and the evil way

And the perverse[ **per-vurs** ] mouth I hate. - **Proverbs 8:13**

- The fear of the Lord is what restrains evil
- When the fear of God is in your heart you will have no desire to practice sin
- When the fear of God is in your heart you examine what you speak before speaking
- The Glory of God has not remained due to the lack of fear of God
- When the fear of God is in your heart you only desire is to please God

And to man He said,

‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom,

And to depart from evil *is* understanding.’ - Job 28:28

- When the fear of God is in your heart you do not go after evil but flee from it.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

<sup>13</sup>When all has been heard, the end of the matter is: fear God [worship Him with awe-filled reverence, knowing that He is almighty God] and keep His commandments, for this applies to every person.

- If you do not fear God, you will not keep His Word
- I can pray for you, but I cannot obey The Word for you
- There are times when God has to scare us to stop doing what we should not be saying or doing, that is when your behavior changes
- Familiarity makes you treat what is divine as common or ordinary
- Respect makes you honor what is divine

**If someone is in sin, do we keep them in a holy position or place?**

- Adultery is sin? Rebellion is sin? Disobedience is sin? Murmuring is sin?
- You cannot walk in the fear of God when you are in familiarity

- The fear of God has the power to prevent things from happening because it always obligates God to defend you
- The fear of God keeps you focus: Peter walked on water while looking into the presence of Jesus.
- When you are focus on the presence of God. He will calm your storm.
- The fear of God has left the church because the people do not keep His word
- There are times when we have not received multiplication because we carry the spirit of familiarity

“The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom;  
 A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*.  
 His praise endures forever. **Psalm 111:10**

- **The fear of God affects your praise**

Illustration: A mirror. The Word is like a mirror.

- When you no longer see yourself through the Word you no longer change

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Colossians 1:15

**If God can use you in your immaturity, how much more can God use you in your maturity**

“For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. **Romans 8:19**

- **We are process through the fear of God**
- **Those who are process will enter the Glory of God**
- Living in the presence brings change
- We are strong in the presence of God, but we are not strong in the fear of God
- I love you but I cannot save you.
- We are being process in this shaking

How do you sleep through the storm?

- Surrendering all
- In total confidence

### **Exodus 14:13-14 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. <sup>14</sup> The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

The key word here is “calm”.

In the bible the word “peace” means freedom of conflict, war, or contention and the comfort and inner calm that the Spirit gives. The Spirit is a gift from God to all his children and brings serenity and calmness to the heart.

In the New Testament the word “peace” can also mean “complete, whole, wholesome, sound, finished, fulfilled”

In Scripture, peace means freedom from conflict, contention, or war, or “inner calm and comfort from the Spirit.” The dictionary defines peace as “a state of tranquility or quietness.”

“Peace” comes from the Greek root *siopao*, which literally means “to be silent or refrain from speaking”.

“Silent” comes from a Greek root of the word *phimoo*, which means something like “silencing with a muzzle”, “to have something under control or to silence”.

### **Psalms 46:10(NLV)**

<sup>10</sup> Be quiet and know that I am God. I will be honored among the nations. I will be honored in the earth.

#### **4. Do you not care that we perish, Lord?**

- Fear and pain bring confusion.
- Fear of death

#### **Hebrews 2:14-15 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup>Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

- The level of our faith is revealed through adversities.

#### **5. Woke up – V.39**

- a. Someone needs to wake.
- b. It is time for you to wake up.

#### **Isaiah 60:1 (NLV)**

“Rise up and shine, for your light has come. The shining-greatness of the Lord has risen upon you.

The process Jesus used to calm the storm:

- He rebuked.
- He ordered “Hush – be silent and cease”.

#### **Proverbs 17:27-28**

A truly wise person uses few words;

a person with understanding is even-tempered.

<sup>28</sup>Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent;  
with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.