

Boat of Fear

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-23; Mark 6:45-52

Jesus precipitated His disciples to go to the other side of the shore. Jesus will precipitate us too at times. You would've experienced it. In many such instances we are not willing to obey Him. When we commit a mistake, our conscience speaks to us. A few times we obey and depart from sin. But mostly we disobey and sin. Jesus separated Himself and went up to the mountain to pray. This shows the importance of personal prayer. We might have a good experience in corporate prayer and prayer at churches, but personal prayer is very important.

The boat in which they went was shaken by strong winds. Jesus who knew well about His disciples came towards the boat walking on the water to save them. But the disciples trembled in fear. Peter was excited and wanted to walk on water along with Jesus. He asks Jesus if he can walk and started walking on the water. He felt as though he began to drown in the water. He cried out saying, "Lord, save me." Jesus reached out to Peter and saved Him. He said to Peter, "Why did you doubt". They then went into the boat after which the storm was calmed.

Even when your life's boat is in the midst of a storm and you are struggling to have a strong grip over your situation, Jesus is watching over you and is interceding on your behalf. In the right time He will hold your hands and answer your prayers. In the midst of that raging sea, Jesus came into the boat and saved them from disaster. Peter received the approval of Jesus and then walked on water. But even then when doubt engulfed him, he began to drown. Jesus reached out and saved him. Even when you are overcome by anxiety and it seems to be dark all around you, just call out to Jesus and He will lift you up in the right time and save you from all evil.

Questions:

1. What did Peter do?
2. Whom will you call out to in times of anxiety and when everything seems to be dark around you?
3. What will Jesus do when you call out to Him?