

## Mar 4:35-40

35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, **"Let us cross over to the other side."** 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. :38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, **do You not care** that we are perishing?" :39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. :40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" :41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

This Storm was going to test them in 3 area's They were to experience a **physical storm** a buffeting by the **winds and the sea**.

They also began to experience an **emotional storm** - Some of the disciples were professional fishermen who knew about storms and sailing they knew this storm was bad and **fear gripped them** (Math Ch8V26 ) because the boat was filling up..

*Mat 8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?"*

They went over to Jesus AND WOKE HIM UP (AROUSSED HIM) who was asleep and now their facing their **spiritual storm** -v38 **“DON'T YOU CARE?”**

JESUS DON'T YOU SEE OUR FEARS OUR PAIN OUR STRUGGLES  
WE'RE DEALING WITH

Jesus immediately addresses their storms - He rebukes the wind (unseen realm, the realm of influence) - He speaks to the sea to cause a stillness or calmness (seen realm)

Then He turns around and addresses their SPIRITUAL STORM—why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?

—

WHAT IS IT THAT CAUSED YOU TO THINK I DON'T CARE?

HAS THE FEAR OF THE NATURAL AND THE EMOTIONAL STORMS  
CAUSED YOU TO LOSE FAITH? - DID I NOT GIVE YOU A WORD? - WHAT  
CAUSED YOU TO THINK I DIDN'T CARE? ARE YOU NOT ANCHORED IN MY  
LOVE FOR YOU?

HE DIDN'T MINIMISE THEIR STORM  
AS IT WAS REAL AND VALID

BUT WHAT HE QUESTIONED IS THE RESPONSE OF THEIR HEART IN THE  
STORM WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN A WORD TO CROSS OVER

AND EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NOT RESPONDED OR ACTED IN THE WAY  
YOU DESIRED HIM OR EXPECTED HIM TOO, DO YOU TRUST HIM DO YOU  
LOVE HIM ENOUGH TO KNOW WHAT HE SAYS HE'LL DO! - THAT HE IS  
FOR YOU BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU.

WHEN YOUR IN THE WILL OF GOD EVEN IN A STORM IT'S THE SAFEST  
PLACE TO BE

So the enemy wants you to question

**“DON'T YOU CARE?”** IN MY STORM

JESUS RESPONDED TO THEIR PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL STORM

BUT THEIR SPIRITUAL STORM IS A WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THEM  
OF  
FAITH HOPE AND LOVE - THAT HE'S MY SAFE PLACE

WITHOUT BEING STRONG IN THIS ASSURANCE WE ARE  
VULNERABLE TO ATTACK, OUR HEARTS VULNERABLE TO  
MANIPULATION BY THE STORMS OF LIFE

DON'T EXPECT HIM TO ACT OR REACT TO MY STORM UNTIL I  
KNOW HOW TO AWAKEN HIM TO MY SITUATION IN PRAYER

**EPH6V10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.**

**V14 EVERYTHING HANGS OFF THE BELT —IT'S A BELT OF TRUTH AND THE TRUTH IS THAT HE IS WITH YOU WHEN YOU CAN'T FEEL HIM HE IS WITH YOU WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE HIM HE IS WITH YOU IN EVERY STORM.... FOR HE NEVER LEAVES ME OR WILL HE FORSAKE ME!**

**THE BELT OF TRUTH UPHOLDS THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT  
THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT CAN ONLY OPERATE FROM THE PLACE  
OF TRUTH**

*Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

**I FEEL THIS IS WHAT HAS CAUSED THE LOVE OF MANY TO WAX  
COLD (LOVE FOR GOD AND FOR HIS PEOPLE, KEEPING THEM  
IMPRISONED IN UNFORGIVENESS)**

**BECAUSE THE ARE NOT YET CLOTHED IN HIS ARMOR DUE TO NOT  
BEING STRONG IN THE LORD - STILL QUESTIONING DON'T YOU  
CARE?**

**EPH6V10 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.***

IF I DO NOT ALLOW HIM TO DEAL WITH MY SPIRITUAL STORM OF **FEAR OR UNBELIEF OR DOUBT** AND BECOME STRONG IN FAITH IN HIS LOVE IN HIS GRACE IN HIS MERCY AND ABOVE ALL THAT HE IS THERE WITH ME IN MY STORM!

I'LL BE UNABLE TO PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD BECAUSE "BEING STRONG IN THE LORD" IS A PRE-REQUISITE TO PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

**THEREFORE MY PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL STORMS BECOME THE DICTATORS OF HOW I FEEL AND HOW I RESPOND.**

**THE STORMS KEEP ME WORKING TO BAIL OUT MY BOAT IN MY OWN STRENGTH IN THE MEAN TIME THEIR SPEAKING TO ME **THAT HE DOESN'T CARE** –**

**I NEED TO LEARN TO AWAKEN HIM TO MY DILEMMA MY STORM**

**(ASK – ask seek knock)**

**I'M HERE TO TELL YOU HE CARES – HE MORE THAN CARES HE'S CONCERNED FOR YOU BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU**

**AND IF THAT LIE HAS GOT AROUND YOUR SPIRIT HE'S HERE TO TELL YOU HE CARES – HE'S IN YOUR BOAT IN THE MIDST OF YOUR STORM YOU'VE JUST GOT TO WAKEN HIM UP TO YOUR CONCERN.**

**BY HIS STRENGTH AND MIGHT THE UNSEEN HAS TO FLEE – AND THE SEEN HAS TO STOP RAGING**



THE DISCIPLES GOT THE REVELATION WHEN THEY SAW THEIR STORMS BOW  
TO HIS WORD THEIR FEAR OF HIM THEN EXCEEDED THE FEAR OF THEIR  
STORM! (V41) – THEY BECAME STRONG IN THE LORD AND THE POWER OF  
HIS MIGHT.



A.S.K