

In the Same Boat

Mark 4:35-41

Review:

1. When we trust only in our own abilities, we will oscillate between overconfidence and despair.
2. God's power is indeed able to accomplish what is impossible for us.
3. Instead of fearing God's power, we can trust Him because Jesus has come to be with us.

Go Further: Read Psalm 107

1. In verse 1, what two reasons does the Psalmist give for giving thanks to God? Why are you thankful for these attributes of God?
2. In verses 2 and 3, what two things does the Psalmist say God has done for His people?
3. What is the problem the psalmist describes in verses 4 and 5? Can you think of an Old Testament story when God's people were in a similar situation?
4. What does verse 6 say God's people did when they were in trouble?
5. What do verses 6, 7 and 9 say that God did when His people cried out to Him?
6. What is the problem the psalmist describes in verse 10?
7. In verse 11, why does the psalmist say the people were in this situation?
8. In verse 12, who does the psalmist say brought this trouble on the people?
9. What does verse 13 say the people did when they were in trouble?
10. What do verses 13, 14, and 16 say that God did when His people cried out to Him?
11. According to the Hebrews, foolishness is refusing to put God's Law into practice. How do you think the people's sin in verse 17 is different from that described in verses 10-11?
12. What does verse 18 say happens to people who insist on being foolish? Have you ever experienced the consequences of your own foolishness? How?
13. What does verse 19 say the foolish people did when they were in trouble?
14. What do verses 19 and 20 say that God did when His people cried out to Him?
15. How does the psalmist say that those who have been saved should respond to God in verse 22?
16. What is the problem the psalmist describes in verses 23-27? Is there any sin inherent in this situation?
17. What does verse 28 say the sailors did when they were in trouble?
18. What do verses 28-30 say that God did when His people cried out to Him?
19. How does the psalmist say that those who have been saved should respond to God in verse 32?
20. What do verses 33 and 34 say that God does and why?
21. What do verses 35-38 say that God does and why?
22. Taken together, what do verses 33-38 tell us about God's justice and mercy?
23. How do verses 39-40 say that God deals with princes, those in authority? Why do you think God does these things?
24. How does verse 41 say God deals with needy people?
25. What do verses 42-43 say our reaction should be when we think about God's justice and mercy?

Apply:

1. Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, and 31 form a refrain, urging those who have been delivered to give God thanks for His lovingkindness and the wonderful deeds He has done. How has God delivered you? How has God shown His faithful, covenant love to you?
2. In Psalm 107:22 and 32, the psalmist urges those who have been delivered to tell others what God has done for them. What reasons do you personally have to praise God for His mercy and grace?
3. Comparing your life to Psalm 107:10-12, have you ever been rebellious against God? Has He ever humbled you because of your disobedience? Did that experience bring you closer to God? In what way?
4. Comparing the four situations described in Psalm 107:4-32, does God limit His salvation only to those who deserve it? How does that bring you comfort and hope?
5. Thinking about Psalm 107 as a whole, in what different ways does God use the suffering that comes into our lives? How can our difficult situations help bring us closer to God?