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# GOD'S WEAPONS for TRANSFORMATION

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## Part 8 – Faith in the Storm



Mark 4:35-41

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As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.”

## **Mark 4:36**

**So they took Jesus in the boat  
and started out, leaving the  
crowds behind (although other  
boats followed).**

# **Mark 4:37**

**But soon a fierce storm came up.**

**High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.**

## Mark 4:38

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?”

## **Mark 4:39**

**When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.**

# Mark 4:40

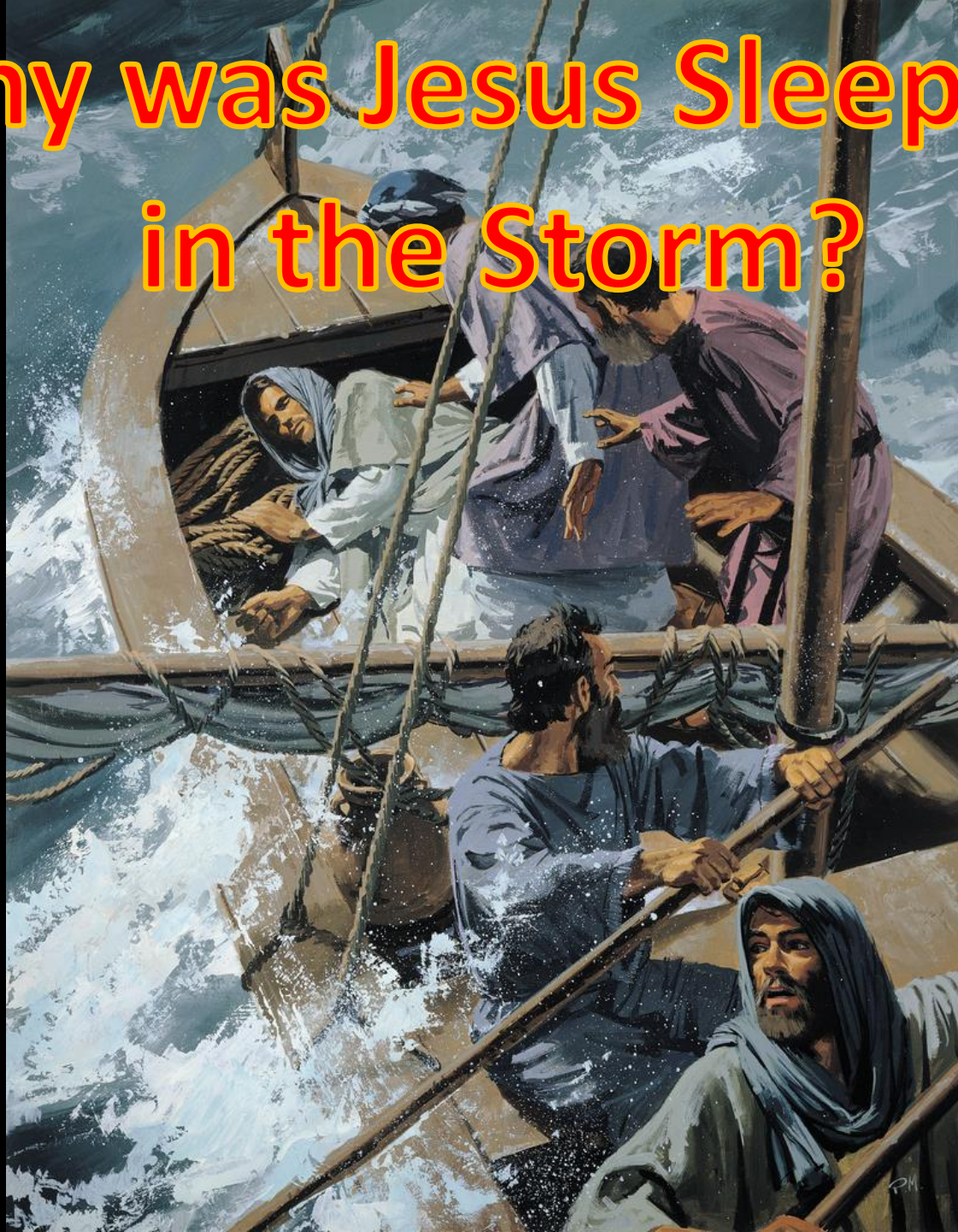
Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

# Mark 4:41

The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”



# Why was Jesus Sleeping in the Storm?



# Principle #1

**In spite of your present situation, difficulty, challenge, or trial; God is in control. In every storm that God causes or allows, He has a purpose and a plan.**

# Mark 4:35

As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.”

# Principle #2

**As a believer and follower of Jesus Christ, you are generally going to find yourself in one of three situations: in the middle of a storm, just going into a storm, or just coming out of a storm.**

## **Mark 4:36**

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# Principle #3

Usually, God will not guide you around a storm, He will generally take you through it.

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# Principle #4

**Sometimes a good night's sleep demonstrates more faith in God than staying up all night, praying.**



# Mark 4:38a

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion.

# Principle #5

**Don't allow your emotions to overrule the truth of God's character and heart.**

## **Mark 4:38**

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# Principle #6

**Having FAITH means trusting that God is who He says He is and that God will take care of things that only God can take care of.**

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**The storms of life should remind us that when things are calm, they aren't calm simply because they are calm, they are calm because God is the one who calms them.**

# Mark 4:41

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# Principle #7

Every storm you experience provides you with an opportunity to evaluate your faith, to grow in your faith, and to learn more about God.

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