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VICTORY? GUARANTEED!

Mark 4:35-41

Bible Reading: Mark 4:24-41

“Peace. Be still!” Victory is coming your way today. Victory is ours today. There is victory as we follow the Master. Victory for you, your family, your Church, God’s people. We follow His word; He brings us the victory. There is no doubt when we follow Jesus. The clouds disappear at His word. The winds and waves listen to Him. Life becomes a voyage of triumph as we follow the Master’s bidding. That is our wisdom; that is our confidence. This day will mark a great turn in our experience of victory. In Jesus’ glorious Name. Amen!

VOYAGE AT HIS WILL Mark 4:35,36

“Let us pass over...” – Mark 4:35. It was the Lord’s command; He was the One leading the way. It was His timing. They were to go to **“the other side”**. They had a good ministry on this side but something else was waiting for them on the other side (Mark 5:1-4). We may not know why the Lord is leading until we get on the other side. The ministry on this side should not stand in the way of the ministry on that other side; we will still return to *this* side after we have finished the Lord’s will on *that* side. There is teaching on *this* side to the multitudes (Mark 4:1); there is deliverance to one soul and outreach to many unreached souls on *the other* side (Mark 5:15-20). And as the Lord had said, so did the disciples do. We must go at His command to experience victory. They sent the multitudes away. They ensured the Lord was with them in the ship. Other little ships followed. It was a convoy. All of us must go in the Lord’s convoy; that is where the miracle is.

VIOLENCE OF THE WIND Mark 4:37,38

The disciples embarked on the Lord’s will and danger came on the way; their lives were in jeopardy (Luke 8:23). There was a great storm. Remain in God’s will despite the storm. What are you facing right now? Great turbulence? Great problem? The wrath of the enemy? Internal conflict? External threat? The ship was now full... to sinking point. Where is the trouble? In the Church? In the family? In yourself? At work? Right in the middle of God’s will? The disciples were in trouble. In the meanwhile, the Master was sleeping. The things that move us do not move Him. The fearful disciples woke Him up. The Lord had settled already that they would get to the other side; He was not bothered at all. You will cross the channel to the other side. Prayer makes sense when the Lord is near (Gen 32:6,9-12; Exo 14:10). But even if the Lord seems to be far away because you left the path of duty, you can call for mercy and He will get you the victory. Jonah prayed in trouble (Jonah 2:1). The Prodigal Son too (Luke 15:17-19). Are you in affliction? Pray (James 5:13).

VICTORY AT HIS WORD Mark 4:39-41

The Lord arose and rebuked the wind. **“Peace, be still”**. The winds and waves obeyed His voice. There was a great calm. Our victory is in His word. We should pray but not rely on our ability to pray. Fasting is necessary but we should not rely on our ability to fast. Our victory is in His promises; obedience is the way to secure them. God’s word is His bond. You must work first on His general promises; they will give you victory from day to day. Then receive His specific promises for specific situations. The disciples crossed over at His word despite the storm. Jacob went at God’s command and came back prosperous despite his uncle’s unfaithfulness and his brother’s wrath (Gen 28:15). Moses and Israel crossed over at the Lord’s command despite Pharaoh and his army. David ascended to the throne despite Saul’s murderous attempts. Paul and his team got to Rome as the Lord had said despite the shipwreck. The list is long!

You also will cross over! As it happened then, so it will happen now. That was not the end of all storms for the disciples; but it was surely the end of *that* storm. The Lord rebuked the wind before He rebuked His disciples. He did not leave them in jeopardy (Mat 14:26-31). Even rebellious Jonah was not left at sea (Jonah 1:17; 2:1,10). Your story will not end at sea. You will find mercy today. **“Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?”** The Lord would not be there physically with them all the time (Mark 9:17-19). It is now your turn to rebuke the wind. That is the message. You must do it yourself... in Jesus’ name. The signs must begin to follow you from today. That is the victory we are talking about! Are you ready for your victory?