

*"And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but He was asleep. And His disciples came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, 'Lord, save us: we perish.' And He saith unto them, 'Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?' Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm." Matthew 8:24-26 KJV*



We scurry about pell-mell trying to glean sustenance from the wicked world that surrounds us. It is good that we work to provide, but it is wrong to fret about the outcome. Father promised believers, *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL these things shall be added unto you."* My work effort is simply obedience to God. *"This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."* The outcome is God's worry. *"Therefore take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'Wherewithal shall we be clothed?' For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."* Believers are indwelt with the Holy Spirit. God is in our ship. *"Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."* The Sovereign Designer and Creator of all things, seen and unseen, is with us, yet we fret like there is no hope over the first wave that ventures over the side. Do we just forget or do we not trust Him? If I am with God, what can happen that He has not already perceived and planned? Does He not command the wind and the waves? Is there anything He does not already know? Is there anything too hard for Him? *"If God be for us, who can be against us? Your life is hid in Christ with God."* If I am with God, I am invincible! Just keep rowing and bailing, and let God determine the outcome. The disciples were focused on the storm instead of the sleeping Saviour. How could they have witnessed Him raise the dead, feed 5000, and walk on water and yet doubt His ability? You need look no further you're your own life. How many times have we had nothing left but God and He has delivered us? We arise every day of our lives to the same sun and go to bed with the same stars overhead, and yet we still doubt God. You're safe as long as Jesus is in your ship. *"Hereby we do KNOW that we know Him, IF we keep (obey) His commandments (Word)."* If you obey God's Word, you know Him. If you don't read and know His Word for yourself, how can you be sure? *"This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate (think) therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."* Not reading you Bible is direct disobedience!

The faithful say that they believe,  
But Satan's whispers they receive,  
That wind and wave will do them harm,  
Forgetting Father's Mighty Arm. -CGP

It's time to quit watching the wind and waves of circumstances and focus on the calm, unperturbed, countenance of our Master. Live each day as if Jesus died yesterday, rose today, and is coming tomorrow! It's a "Win Win!" for believers! Even if they die, they're going to Heaven. Fear or lack of it directs your focus. Of what are you afraid? "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." ~Augustine

*"Great peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them." Psalms 119:165 KJV*