

## **The Boat is Sinking**

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

Sis. Techie Rodriguez, Elder-Founder

June 27, 2020

**Reading:** Jesus Calms the Storm (Mk. 4:35-41)

As people of faith, we must not give up amidst the trials in our life. We must trust Jesus to calm our storms and know that all of them will pass (Mk. 4:35-41).

### **What does the story reveal?**

1. The Humanity of Jesus
  - Just like us, Jesus got tired, too. It is acceptable for us to feel tired, but we must not give up.
2. Storms may occur even when Jesus is near.
  - People, who are close to Jesus, do experience hardships.
3. Jesus is the Lord of nature.
  - Jesus is powerful that even the wind and the waves obey Him.
  - Amidst our storms, He is at work.
4. Jesus can calm storms.
  - With only two words, Jesus can stop a storm.
  - By saying, "Be Still!" Jesus can stop our hardships.

He lets us experience trials in order for us to develop Godly character and enable us to experience genuine joy while suffering. However, we must be alert! Fear might attack us (Mk. 4:38) and keep us from living out God's plan and purpose. We must keep our eyes on God, for He has conquered fear.

### **How should we face our storms in life?**

1. We should pray.
  - We must take time to be alone with God and pray.
2. We should look forward to doing something new.
  - When Jesus told His Apostles that they would go over to the other side (Mk. 4:35), He meant it was time for them to move forward.

- When Jesus tells us, it is time to level up, we must be excited.
3. We should be smart and know that the middle is the place of testing.
    - Do not be ignorant of the devices of Satan (2 Cor. 2:11).
    - We should not allow him to stop us from reaching the other side.
  4. We should persevere even when the storm is in full force.
    - We must focus on Jesus for trials will pass.
  5. We should not fear, for it kills all hope.
    - God will never abandon us. Do not entertain negative thoughts.
  6. We should not forget the good things God did for us.
  7. We should have faith, for God is in control.
  8. We should be still, for God is with us.

When we are amidst storms, in order to survive, let us remember to call for Jesus' help and follow the guidelines below:

1. Obey Jesus by doing what He says and going where He sends us.
2. Listen only to God.
3. Invite Jesus to our boat and He will take care of us.

With these guidelines in mind, next time we feel like our boat is sinking, we would be able to stay afloat, for we would ask for God's help and remain calm because we trust Jesus to calm the storm.

### **Reflection:**

1. Are you experiencing hardships now?
2. Why does God allow us to experience COVID-19, other sicknesses, financial hardships, etc.?

**Transcribed/Written by:** Sis. Gina Duran

**Edited by:** Sis. Jennifer Ilagan

**Approved by:** Sis. Vera Tuplano

**Sponsored by:** Sis. Rhia Ilagan