

THE BOAT

A friend of mine who was learning how to sail was told by the instructor to let go of everything when he got into trouble while sailing. By doing so, the tiller and the sheet would right it and the boat would not sink. My friend informed me that when the instructor was in the boat with him and those directions were followed, the boat never once sunk, even though they encountered some high winds and waves.

We read in the Gospel of Mark (4:34-41) about Jesus being in the boat with His disciples, and a huge storm comes. The boat was about to sink. Jesus was sleeping. The disciples woke Him and asked, "Don't you care if we drown?" Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and the waves, "Quiet, be still."

How often have the storms of life's journey tossed us from side to side? We try to control all the events and continue to steer our way through the tide. We hold on to the tiller and the sheet. We sink. We become frustrated.

In the journey of life, Jesus is with us. If we let go of the tiller, the sheet and controlling the boat ourselves, and WAKE JESUS, He will quiet the winds. The question is, have you invited Jesus into your boat, and are you willing to wake Him?

Blessings,

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