

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

The storms of life hold no threats for the believer. If Christ abides in our craft, then no storm is too great. We can calmly face the impending disaster with our hand tucked safely in His.



When Jesus walks beside us we need fear naught. Wonderful sentiments, to be sure, and greater truths will not be found, but what is the day to day, practical, rubber-meets-the-road, application of these wonderful truths? Ah! Therein lies the rub! How do we actually put our hand in His? How is He in our craft...? It is a matter of faith, believing what God's Word says over all else that may appear to be so. I must trust Jesus by faith, no matter what the circumstances. It may appear that my finances are inadequate, and they may be, but God has promised to meet my needs. So, I calmly trust His Word in spite of the doubts and fears that scream for my attention. I *choose*, by faith, to ignore the obvious in favor of the unseen power of God. This applies to any and all turbulence that may arise during my earthly pilgrimage. Whatever the scenario, relationships, finances, health, persecution, or natural disaster, I can trust in His unchanging mighty power to deliver me from, or carry me through any whirlwind of life that may engulf my senses. It may seem that Christ is asleep in our vessel, but He is never, not aware of our needs. We need only cry out to Him and He will arise and rebuke our storm. The truth is there is no peace in your life, if there is no Christ in your life. Where He resides, He brings His peace, His law, His rest, and there is nothing too great for Him to handle.

When storms of life assail our craft,
We need but seek the Savior aft,
He'll rise to calm the wind and waves,
And we will know that Jesus saves! ~CGP

We need not be like the faithless disciples who cried "*Carest Thou not that we perish?*" We can calmly row our craft in the heart of the storm, assured that even though God seems to be asleep, if he is there, all is well.

"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 8:26