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"Rest In His Power"

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"Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!' and the wind ceased and there was a great calm." Mark 4:39 (NKJV)

Jesus was always on the move, so when He said, "Let us cross over to the other side" (Mark 4:35), the disciples set sail... and then a great windstorm arose. Storms are common on the Sea of Galilee, and these were experienced sailors, but we learn from the original Greek that this was an exceptionally violent wind-tossed sea that threatened their boat. I wonder if the disciples anticipated smooth sailing just because Jesus said, "Go." Herein is a lesson for every child of God.

In desperation, the disciples turned to Jesus. He rebuked the wind, and its fury ceased. He commanded the sea, "Peace, be still!" and there was tranquility. At the sound of His voice, the tempest quieted, giving them infallible proof: He is LORD overALL. *"He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet; so, He guides them to their desired haven."* (Psalm 107:29-30)

Do you belong to Jesus Christ? Have you followed Him only to experience wave after wave of trouble? Are you being tossed by fear and doubt over how it will end? Then insert your name and circumstance into this account and its eventual outcome because the same LORD is with you today.

Rest in His power alone and trust Him to take you over to the other side.

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