

**DAY 11 - 6/17**

Let us go over to the other side. (Mark 4:35)

~~ *Christ is in my vessel* ~~

Even though we follow Christ's command, we should not expect to escape the storm. In this passage of Scripture, the disciples were obeying His command, yet they encountered the fiercest of storms and were in great danger of being drowned. In their distress, they cried out for Christ's assistance.

Christ may delay coming to us during our times of distress, but it is simply so our faith may be tested and strengthened. His purpose is also that our prayers will be more powerful, our desire for deliverance will be greater, and when deliverance finally comes we will appreciate it more fully.

Gently rebuking His disciples, Christ asked, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (v 40). In effect, He was saying, "Why didn't you face the storm victoriously and shout to the raging winds and rolling waves, 'You cannot harm us, for Christ, the mighty Savior, is on board?'"

Of course, it is much easier to trust God when the sun is shining than to trust Him when the storm is raging around us.

*With Christ in my vessel, I smile at the storm.*

Christ said, "Let us go over to the other side" - not "to the middle of the lake to be drowned." - *Daniel Crawford* (LC - June 3)

~~~ *Pray* ~~~

Abba Father,

Thank you for your presence in the vessel of my life. Despite your promise, I keep forgetting your power and struggling with things that I am facing. Oh, Lord! Please keep my eyes and ears open to your presence so that I can have the courage to overcome any challenges in your name. You are my Savior, Jesus! Amen! (DC)