

Mark 4:35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Marcos 4:35-41

35 Al anochecer de aquel mismo día, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos:—Vamos al otro lado del lago. 36 Entonces dejaron a la gente y llevaron a Jesús en la barca en que ya estaba; y también otras barcas lo acompañaban. 37 En esto se desató una tormenta, con un viento tan fuerte que las olas caían sobre la barca, de modo que se llenaba de agua. 38 Pero Jesús se había dormido en la parte de atrás, apoyado sobre una almohada. Lo despertaron y le dijeron: —¡Maestro! ¿No te importa que nos estemos hundiendo? 39 Jesús se levantó y dio una orden al viento, y dijo al mar: —¡Silencio! ¡Quédate quieto! El viento se calmó, y todo quedó completamente tranquilo. 40 Después dijo Jesús a los discípulos: —¿Por qué están asustados? ¿Todavía no tienen fe? 41 Ellos se llenaron de miedo, y se preguntaban unos a otros: —¿Quién será éste, que hasta el viento y el mar lo obedecen?

Prayer of Confession

(inspired by 1 Samuel 17:32-49, Mark 4:35-41)

Leader: God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today.

People: We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves.

Leader: We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are.

People: Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us.

All: For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

- silence is kept -

Words of Assurance