

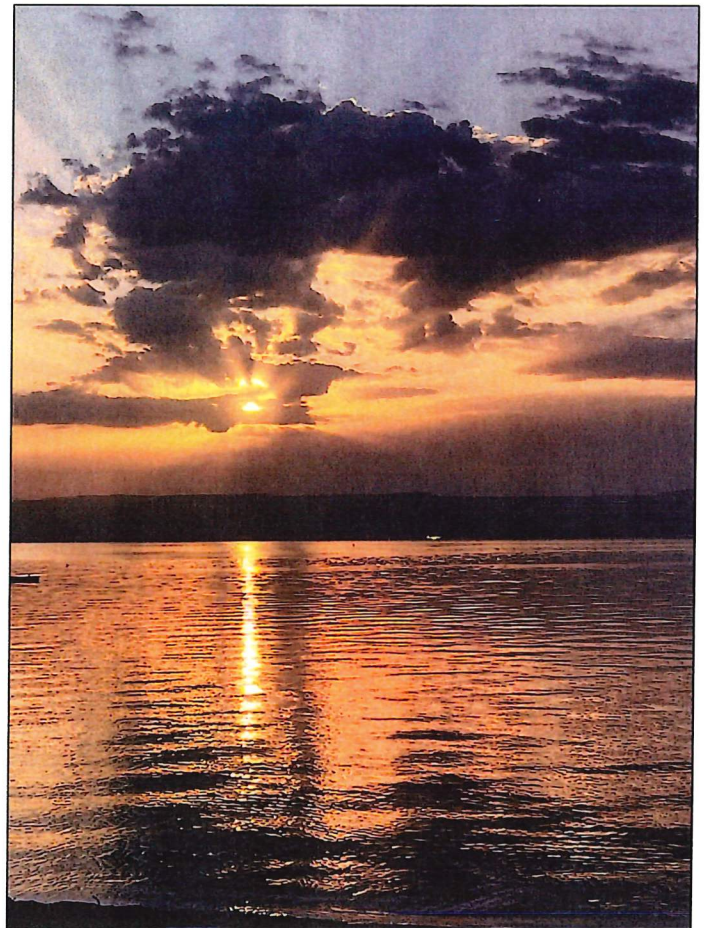
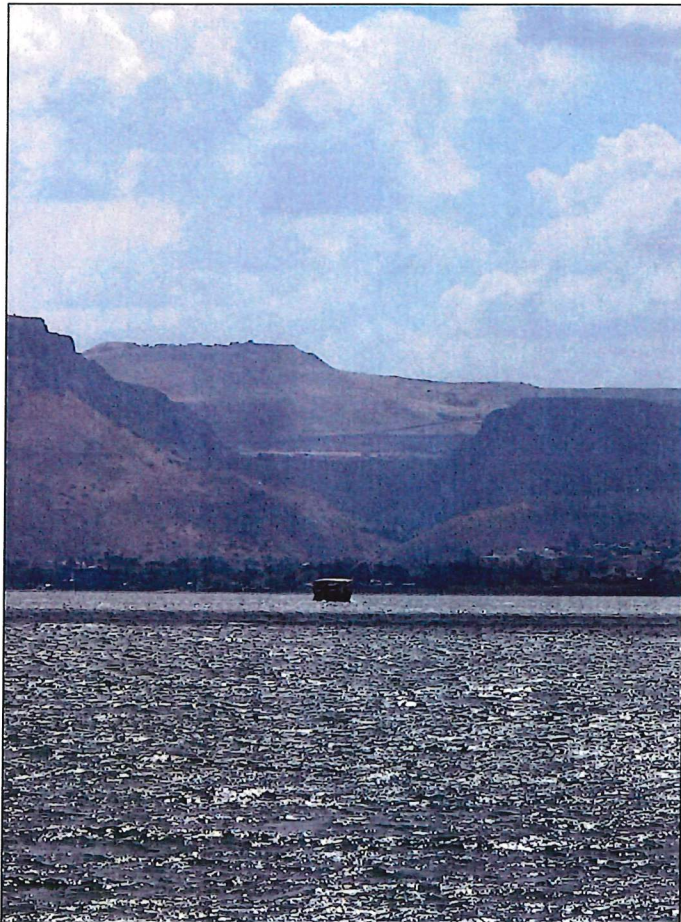
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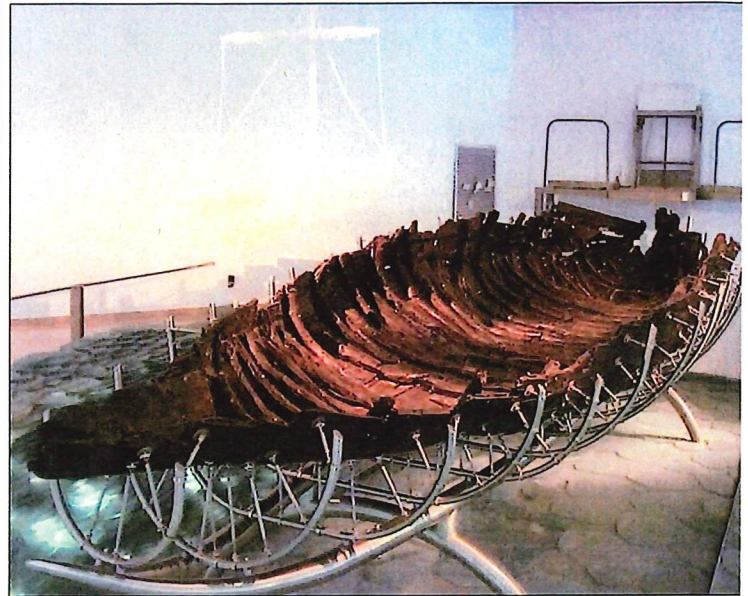
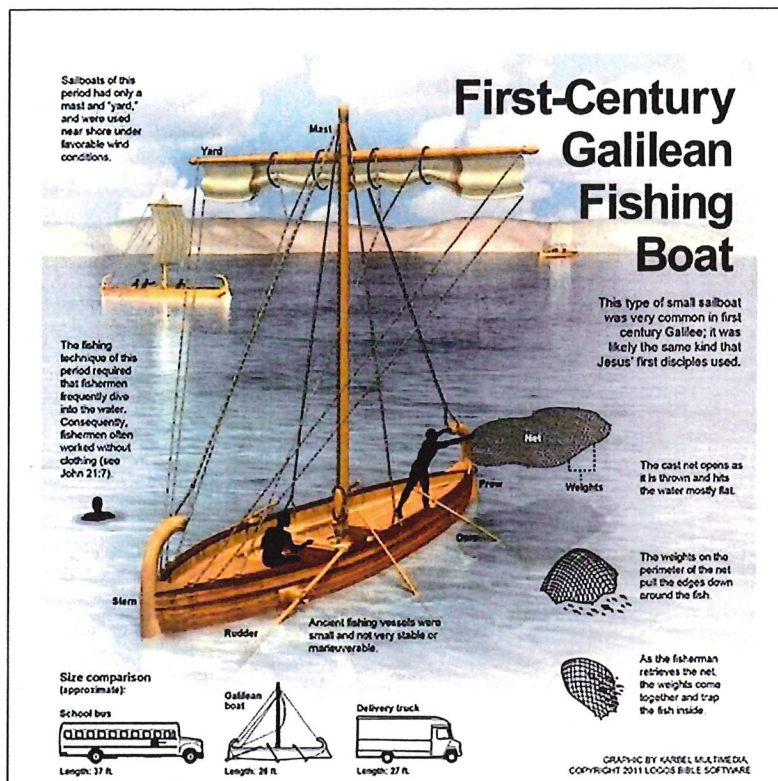
Mark 4:35- 41

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Jesus Calms a Storm

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, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

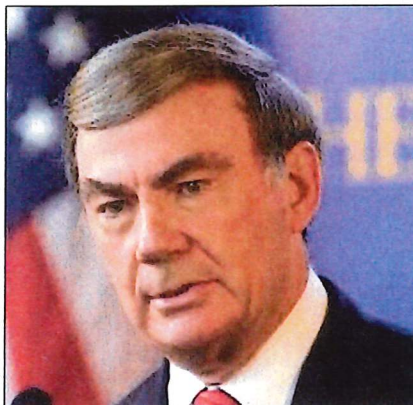




Typical lesson here is:

"Jesus calmed the storm on the sea....and He can calm the storm in your life"

It's true, but not really the main point.



But, then Jesus rebuked the disciples

⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Calling on the Lord

...call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Psalm 50:15

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Jeremiah 33:3

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Psalm 34:17

ISRAELITES IN THE DESERT

Grumbling at the Red Sea (Ex 14:10-12)

¹¹ They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?"

Grumbling with Hunger (Ex 16:2-3)

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

God's Heartache (Num 14:11)

¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?"

DISCUSSION

What are some of the **WRONG** ways to handle a storm?

What are the **RIGHT** ways to handle the storm?

FINDING FAITH IN THE STORM

WRONG WAYS	RIGHT WAYS
1. Row harder	<i>"Remember Who is in the boat with you"</i>
2. Bail water faster	1. God has ordained it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." Mark 4:35 Life of Joseph (Gen 37-50); Israelites in desert; David in the wilderness (1 Sam); Life of Paul (Acts)
3. Be stoic	2. Rehearse the attributes of God <i>And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3</i>
4. Depend on self	3. Refuse to believe lies ("God is unable, God doesn't care, God doesn't know") <i>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Matt 6:31-32</i>
5. Double-down on assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wealth Intellect Connections/Friends Appearance Career 	4. Cry Out to the Lord – in Faith (Admit the truth; bewildered, tired, scared, out-of-resources; cry out with what I know about Him) <i>...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:15</i> <i>And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:47</i>
	5. Recall past experiences of God's deliverance <i>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. Psalm 118:17</i> <i>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. Psalm 118:21</i>

MARKS OF MATURITY Riding The Storm with Jesus

- Keeps crying out to the Lord
- Sees storm as ordained—not bad luck
- Sees Jesus' hand in the storm; confidence it will make sense & honor God
- Stays in the boat; doesn't lurch to something else to ease pain
- Remembers Jesus' **identity**; his/her **identity** in Him
- Remembers Jesus' **authority** (His right to put us through what He deems necessary)
- Sees God's **majesty**... (frequently changed by it)
- Frightened. But can be encouraged...strengthened
- Sees Jesus in the boat with him/her—feels safe by knowing Him
- Would rather stay in the tossing boat with Jesus ...vs... dry land without Him
- After the calm:
 - sees own sin
 - feels cherished
 - changed for the Kingdom