

Mark 4:35-41 NLT

35. As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.”
36. So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed).
37. But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.
38. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?”
39. When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.
40. Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”
41. The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”



ASSUMPTIONS leading to **Unrealistic Expectations**

GONE WITH THE WIND

Assumption 1

We won't or can't get into trouble when "doing the right thing"

Assumption 2

When Jesus is with me "I'm in no danger"

Assumption 3

Since Jesus is with me "there's no reason to fear or panic"

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APPLICATIONS

- 1) **The disciples were not shielded from...?**
The Unexpected and **neither are we**
 - 2) **The disciples were not shielded from...?**
Facing dangerous life-threatening situations and **neither are we**
 - 3) **The disciples were not shielded from...?**
Experiencing the fear and panic of what looked like certain death and **neither are we**
- **The point being:** Jesus can be in the boat with you in your storm and yet you can experience all of the above, just like the disciples

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- c) the confinement
- d) the fear/ anxiety
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