

Thought for the day – Thursday 6th May 2021

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I came across this recently...

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

What do you think Jesus meant by, "where is your faith?"

He seems to be telling them off, so how did he expect them to react?

By joining him in taking a nap?!!

Possibly!

One thing is certain, they were in a fix they couldn't get out of. Out in a storm, they were powerless. No amount of worrying, or panicking or effort could have saved them.

Jesus said another time, do not worry, but sometimes when I worry, solutions come and the problem is sorted...

Perhaps that is not worrying, but wrestling...like Jacob wrestled with the angel...

We wrestle in the storms of life, through its issues, challenges, tragedies...

Then there is a time when we say...here I stand. Paul says elsewhere, having done everything to stand, then stand.

When our wrestling cannot shift the problem, when faced with what we cannot control, then perhaps its time to 'fall asleep' at the back of the boat with Jesus.

Mixing metaphors! Standing and Sleeping.

But let God, be God, and let Him amaze us.

Perhaps this might be what Jesus meant when He said somewhere else:

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

May we find rest in Him, in our storms.