

FROM FEAR TO FAITH

Mark 4:35-41 (ESV) 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?”

Introduction: What would your life be like if you never experienced fear? Not all fear is bad. A measure of fear is good. But even natural fears that help us navigate through life can turn into life-dominating fears. Jesus asked his disciples, “Why are you so afraid?” Jesus takes the opportunity to challenge their faltering faith and reveal his true identity.

I. **The Invitation** — vv. 35-36

II. **The Testing** — vv. 37-38

III. **The Power** — vv. 39-41