



FIRST WEDNESDAY: Faith Over Fear

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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!"

Mark 4:35-41 NLT

1. Fear is based upon the unknown.

But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

Mark 4:37 NLT

2. Fear assumes that no one understands what we are going through.

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?"

Mark 4:38 NLT

3. Fear mistakes temporary circumstances with permanent outcomes.

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.

Mark 4:39 NLT

4. Fear forces us to make a choice regarding what we believe.

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Fear Focuses on the Problem

Faith Focuses on the Problem-Solver—Jesus