



Talking Points Guide
“My Fear Doesn’t Stand a Chance”
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Scripture: Read Mark 4:35-41 (*The Amplified Bible*)

Summary: Our world is in quite a storm right now. What we are experiencing is unique, but not unusual. Storms have been going on from the beginning. The storm on the Sea of Galilee was sudden and severe, just like COVID-19. Storms don’t care what is on your schedule or who is on your ship. It’s easy to feel like Jesus doesn’t care, either - like he is sleeping through your storm. But storms are always an opportunity to choose to rely on either what we **feel** or what we **know**. Storms don’t “expose” Jesus’ care or capability. They expose where your confidence lies. He is very capable of quieting any storm. Jesus is inviting you to place your confidence in him. The voice that calmed the sea is the same voice that can calm your fears.

Talk it Over:

1. What part of your current storm has most frightened or disappointed you?
2. Have you had a time when you felt like Jesus was asleep? When and why did you feel that way?
3. How would you finish this sentence right now: “Jesus, do you not care that I am about to _____?”
4. Think about what Pastor Jacob proposed: “What if my storm has a purpose? What if my storm isn’t just a random moment to test me, but a God-opportunity to better me? Would I want the storm stopped then?” Discuss.
5. “Storms show where my confidence lies.” What you worry most about points to where you’ve placed your confidence. What rivals Jesus for your confidence? Your health? Job? Finances? Family and friends?
6. “Confidence doesn’t mean belief that my life will go the way I think. Confidence is the belief that no matter what happens I am better off because Jesus is in my boat.” Have you experienced that so far in your life? If so, share about it.

**The One who created the sea is worthy of your confidence and faith.
Fear doesn’t stand a chance when you trust him.**

Talk it Over with Kids:

- Is there anything that is scaring you right now?
- Jesus promised he will always be with you. How can you know Jesus is “in your boat”?