

## **“FURY, FEAR, AND FAITH” based on Mark 4:35-41, and Job 38:1-11**

**Intro:** H.G. Wells’ quote: “Dignified peace is just a hopeless dream.” -is peace the longing of every heart? Being completely satisfied with no enemies or burdens.

- stranger to most people today, stress and anxiety more likely. What if downsized, ill for long period, financially unstable. Disciples not the only ones longing for peace in raging storm.
- story well known. Jesus crossing Sea of Galilee, storm, panic, Jesus sleeping, woken up, wind and sea rebuked. Have you still no faith? Disciples filled with awe.

### **I. Fury of the Storm**

- storms are a part of life. Can be weather induced, health related, terror in Charleston, etc.
- Mary Ellen Clark, premier diver, found to have vertigo, still won bronze medal in Olympics twice. Found passage in Philippians 4:12-13 to be inspiring: “...content in everything through Him who gives me strength ...”
- May be different: failed marriage, health, concern over child or adult child, loss of loved one, but sooner or later we’ll be confronted with the fury of a storm.

### **II. Fear of the Disciples**

- not unfamiliar with danger, were fishermen, but here they feared for their lives.
- Rembrandt’s painting “Storm on the Sea of Galilee”. He’s the extra figure. Identified with disciples.
- Job in other Scripture. Faithful, successful, but lost everything in contest between God & Satan. Challenged God, but God tells Job not to question. Reminds us that we each face storms, often without explanation.

### **III. Faith of Jesus**

- Jesus responded: rebuked wind and calmed waves.
- quoted from unknown poet: ‘Doubt sees obstacles, faith sees way. Doubt sees darkest nights, faith sees day. Doubt dreads to take a step, faith soars on high. Doubt questions, who believes, faith answers, “I”.

**Conclusion:** 3 pieces of real life, Christian is challenged to have faith to overcome the fury and fear! Families of victims in Charleston seem to be doing just that.