

Matthew 8:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

Analysis

The disciples' cry 'Lord, save us: we perish' reveals both faith (addressing Jesus as Lord and believing He could save) and fear (thinking they would perish despite His presence). This mixed response characterizes much Christian experience—genuine faith coexisting with inadequate trust. Their awakening Jesus implies they expected Him to do something, yet their panic showed they hadn't fully grasped His divine power over creation. Faith must grow from saving to sanctifying trust.

Historical Context

The storm's severity frightened even experienced fishermen like Peter, James, and John, who had weathered many Galilean storms. That Jesus slept through it demonstrates both His true humanity (physical exhaustion) and divine peace, knowing all things are under His sovereign control.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the disciples' mixed response of faith and fear reflect your own experience of trusting Christ during life's storms?
2. What does Jesus' peaceful sleep during the storm teach about resting in God's sovereign control of all circumstances?

Interlinear Text

καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτὸν ἤγειραν αὐτὸν
And **came** ^{G3588} **disciples** **him** **to him and awoke** **him**
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λέγοντες Κύριε σῶσον ἡμᾶς, ἀπολλύμεθα
saying **Lord** **save** **us** **we perish**
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Additional Cross-References

Jonah 1:6 (Parallel theme): So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.