

## Luke 8:22-23

*Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.*

I love the beach, and when I lived in Calif. I used to live five minutes from it, so I would walk the beach several times a week. Did I swim too? No, even though I love the beach I can't swim. Well, that's not true, I can swim as well as a rock can.

But even though I don't really go in the water or even on the water that much (In a boat) I know one thing is true, and that it's ok for a boat to be in the water, but it's not ok for water to be in the boat.

Some of Jesus' disciples were seasoned fishermen, so they knew this all too well. So when it says in today's devotional that water was getting into the boat, it means that a lot of lot of water was getting into the boat. Because they were used to a little water getting into their boats every once in a while, but not the amount that they were experiencing from this storm. They knew it was a bad thing, and fortunately they knew Who to cry out to, to help them, and that was Jesus!

Here is another saying that is just as true for believers. *"It's ok to be in the world, but it's not ok for the world to be in you."*

It reminds me of another saying I've heard. *"If you are going to heaven, then why are you living like you are going to hell?"*

Jesus even said:

† **Matthew 6:24** *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

He also said:

† **Revelation 3:15-16** *I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

When we became Christians, we made the choice to longer live for the world or to allow the world to control our lives. We said that we want Jesus to be Lord of our lives, which means He has total control and reign over us, because we have given it to Him.

But if we fill our hearts and minds with the junk of the world, we are allowing the world to control us.

† **Romans 6:12 (NLT)** *Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.*

So, just like we know it's bad for water to get into a boat, and if it were getting into a boat that you were in, you would get the water out of it. So, what, or even who are you allowing to get into your life that's bad for you that you need to get out of your life?

† **Romans 8:6 (NLT)** *So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.*