

Mark 4:36

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To get started, let's read today's verse in it's context with the entire story.

† **Mark 4:35-41** *On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"*

When you read this story of Jesus calming the storm in it's entirety, we tend to focus on Jesus calming the storm for the disciples, but that's where today's verse comes into play. Did you catch the last sentence of today's verse: *And other little boats were also with Him.*

I never really heard a teaching on how there were others boats caught in this storm as well, because the focus is on Jesus calming the storm and Jesus talking to His disciples about their faith. But it must be more than that if Mark included that "*other little boats were also with Him.*"

Yet how often to we see Jesus do things in our lives and think how He has blessed us, not thinking how His blessing us, has blessed others as well. What about when the Lord blesses you with a raise or a bonus, don't you also bless others by tithing more each paycheck or helping others out with part of that blessing?

Haven't you gone through something and the Lord ministered to you through that hard time, now someone else is going through the same thing and you are able to minister to them since you know what they are going through?

I know this last winter, we had massive snow here in TX, with people being without power and water and the store shelves being empty, yet some of us did have power and food and even water, and we thank the Lord, not realizing that the Lord has blessed others the same way in our neighborhood.

Just like Jesus calmed the storm, not just for the Disciples, but also for the other little boats that were there as well. This shows us that the Lord will bless us for our sakes, but He is also blessing others as well.

I have to wonder if those in those other little boats realized that Jesus was the One who calmed the storm, or if they didn't, did the Disciples tell them how Jesus calmed the storm?

Sounds like it was an opportunity to be a witness for the Lord. Think of things that the Lord has done in your life, and maybe He did the same in your neighborhood or even state and people don't realize that the Lord did that awesome thing. Doesn't that sound like an opportunity to share the blessing of the Lord with others?

We should always tell of the great things the Lord has done for us to others, because as He has blessed us, others will tell of how they were blessed by Him as well.

† **Mark 5:18-20** *And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.*

† **Psalm 126:2-3** *Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, And we are glad.*