

Let's Cross Over to the other side of the Lake  
(Mark 4:35-41)

After YAHSHUA had finished telling a series of parables to the multitude who had come to listen to Him, at the end of the day He gave His disciples the invitation: Let's cross over to the other side of the lake. It was now evening, darkness was now settling on them. YAHSHUA, being tired, fell asleep; the disciples were alone facing a fierce storm which arose with force enough to break over the boat. Fear settled in their heart, deleting from their mind the memory of whom was there with them and the deeds of power He had performed confirming the truth about Him. In the dark of that night they could not see physically or spiritually, for their eyes were still covered with the veil from the time their forefathers were in the desert. The test of faith stood before them, but as always they could not perform it, for failing at the strike of fear. YAHSHUA many times spoke with His actions showing Who He was; many times in view of all to see He performed the deeds of the Son of YAHWEH; and at His invitation to cross the lake, He remained the same as they had witnessed. But now, He was sleeping, unaware of His surroundings, so they thought with their human mind. "Don't You care that we're going to die?" Was the question asked Him. "Don't You care" is a direct expression of doubt and accusation against His dignity and faithfulness. "He invited us to cross to the other side of the lake and falls asleep, leaving us to the mercy of the winds; does He care for our life"? There is so much that comes from the heart through words. At times they seem so innocent and reasonable, but YAHSHUA knew the hearts. He asked them two questions: Why are you fearful? Do you **still** have no faith? The position in which the disciples showed to be was fearful and faithless. Amidst the miracles they had seen being performed by their Master, they **still** had no faith in Him. YAHSHUA asked why is still this way with you, even after you had seen all the miracles which spoke loudly of Whom I am?

At the sound of His voice, Silence! Be still! The wind calmed down and bowed to His authority with a great calm. Nature well recognizes the voice of its Creator and trembles with obedience before Him. Why a storm arose against them after the Lord fell asleep? Was it because He had lost control of His creation? The psalmist says, The Protector of Israel does not slumber, nor sleep; He is the Maker of heaven and earth; He will protect you from all harm; He will protect your life; He will protect your coming and going both **now and forever** (Psalm 121:) There in that boat laid the Creator of all things; the Maker of heaven and earth; the Maker of the wind and the sea promising to protect them in every aspect of their life forever. He promised to protect them from generation to generation's end.

In the forever adverb word there is a sense of completeness and faithfulness outside of the limited time we live in. The disciples were terrified with the results in light of YAHSHUA'S power over nature. The ignorance of their heart brought doubt, surprise and fear at His performance: **Who then is this?** He is not what they thought and expected Him to be; the reality stroke their mind with fear that perhaps He is the Son of YAHWEH, the Creator of the wind and sea and everything created! The wind knew Him and so did the sea, and at the command of His voice they obeyed Him! We, His Bride have been invited to cross this side of the lake to the other side where the Promised Land is. In the process of reaching it, we, like the disciples, are fearful and

doubtful of YAHSHUA'S promises and in our struggles we often ask the question, "Don't You care that we die"? We ask the wrong question in fear and not in faith. His Word says, No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to man; YAHWEH is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape, so that you are able to bear it (I Cor. 10:13).

Yes, He has never left the boat even when we think He is not there with us. He controls the circumstances that surround us and in time He calls them to calm down. He is our shelter from the raging storm; all the fullness of YAHWEH dwells in Him and He dwells in us; He is ever present, ever aware of the storm that comes our way; He desires that we would walk it without looking back or down with faith that would fly us closer to Him. The disciples had with them the physical presence of YAHWEH, but they didn't know Him; reason why they suffered the unnecessary torment of fear. Emmanuel with them was in every aspect of life YAHWEH; He was the radiance of His glory, the exact expression of His nature, and He sustains all things by His word (Heb.1:3). Even the sea and the winds listen to Him and calm down. Is the sea raging against you today? Know YAHWEH and His strength in the calmness of your heart; believe His presence to be with you and in you; He never sleeps; never slumbers; your protector will speak to your circumstances and they will listen; only you must remember Him Who is in control of your boat in destination to the Land He has promised us many years ago.

**THINK ABOUT IT!**