

Title: Jesus walks on water and calms storms

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On that day, when evening had come, he told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the sea." So they left the crowd and took him along since he was in the boat. And other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. He was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. So they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher! Don't you care that we're going to die?" He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Then he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" And they were terrified and asked one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!" (Mark 4:35-41)

LORD God of Armies, who is strong like you, LORD? Your faithfulness surrounds you. You rule the raging sea... (Psalm 89:8-9)

He established the earth on its foundations; it will never be shaken. You covered it with the deep as if it were a garment; the water stood above the mountains. At your rebuke the water fled; at the sound of your thunder they hurried away—mountains rose and valleys sank—to the place you established for them. You set a boundary they cannot cross, they will never cover the earth again. (Psalm 104:5-9)

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After he said good-bye to them, he went away to the mountain to pray. Well into the night, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. He saw them straining at the oars because the wind was against them. Very early in the morning he came toward them walking on the sea and wanted to pass by them. When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. They were completely astounded, because they had not understood about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened. (Mark 6:45-52)

He alone stretches out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea. (Job 9:8)

Reflection Question:

Where do you need to grasp the courage of Jesus in your life?

Scripture is in the CSB translation unless noted.