

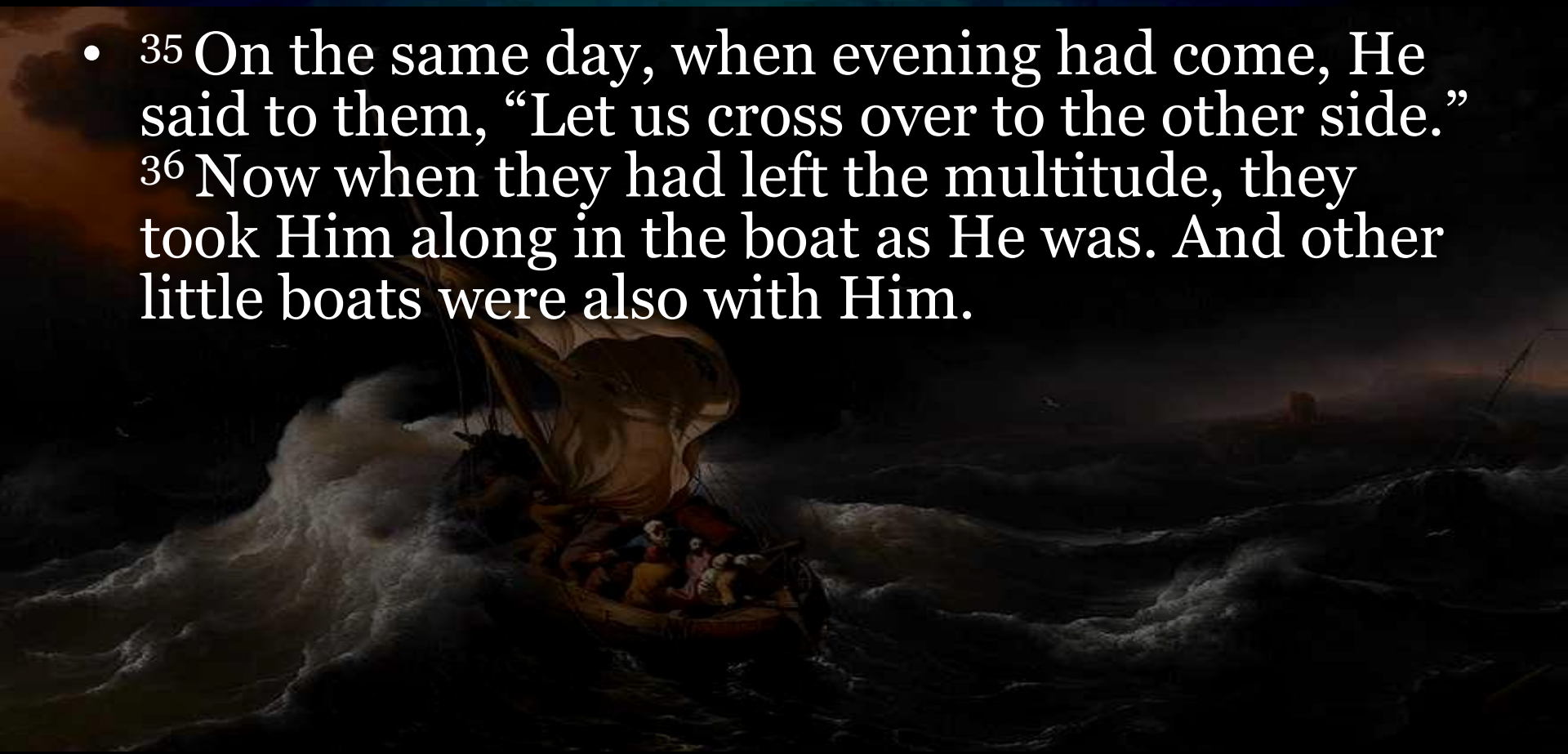
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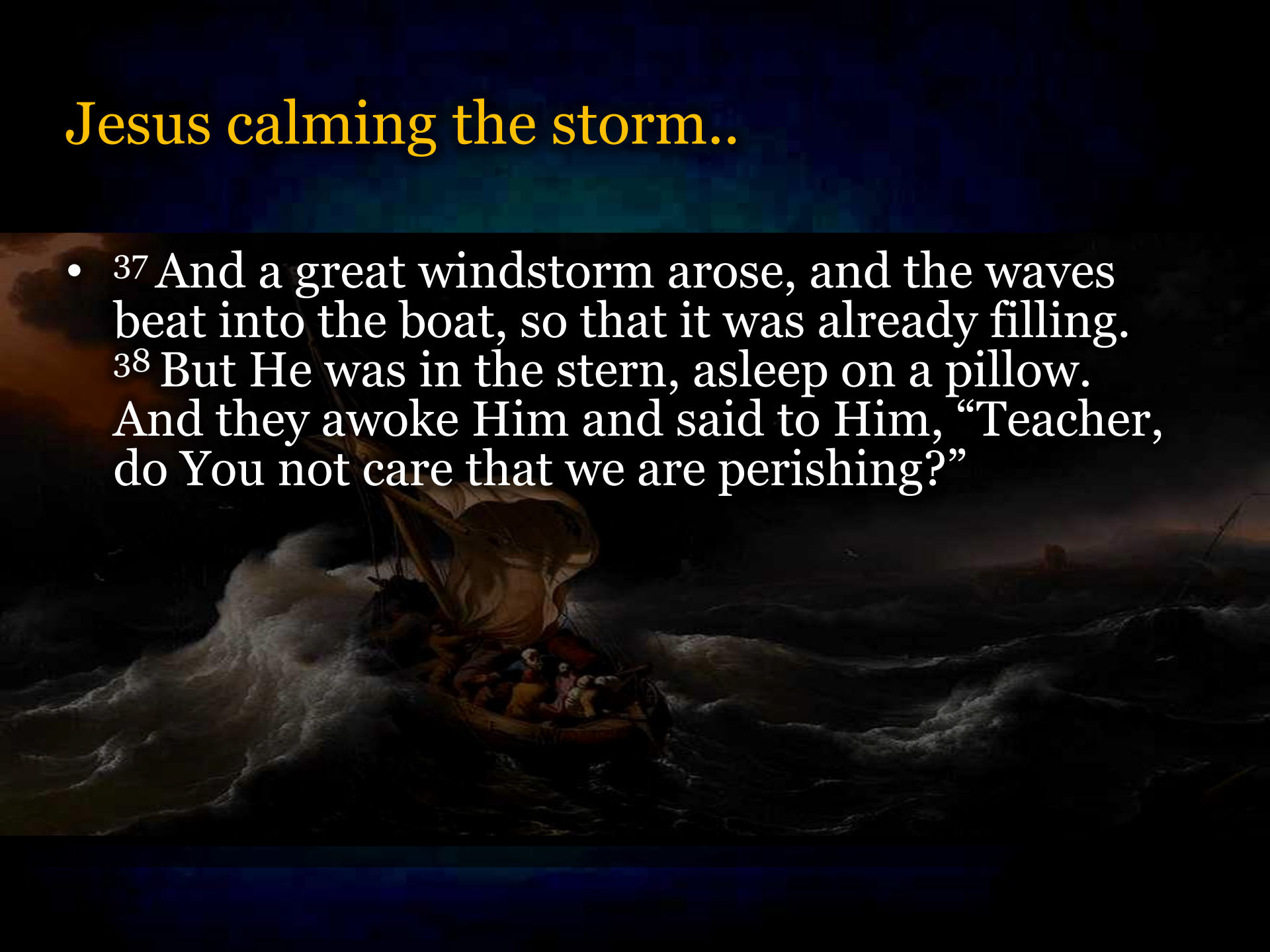
# Jesus calming the storm..

- <sup>35</sup> On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.”  
<sup>36</sup> 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.



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- <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.  
<sup>38</sup> 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?”



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- 39 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. 40 But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How is *it* that you have no faith?”





# 1 The Reality of Trials

- **John 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

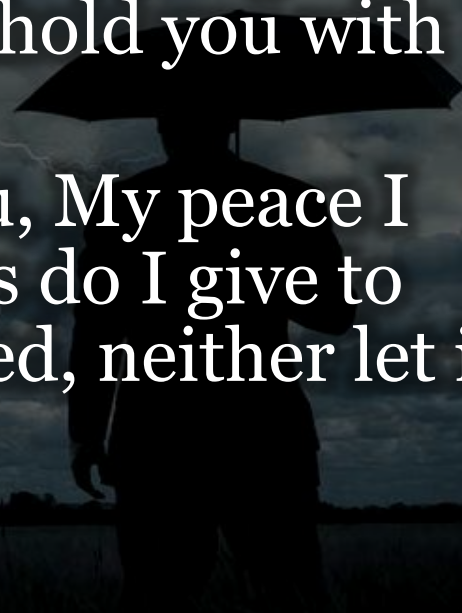


# 1 The Reality of Trials

- **James 1:2-4** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
- **Rom 5:3-4** And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

## 2 The Battle of Emotion

- **Isaiah 41:10** Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'
- **John 14:27** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.





## 2 The Battle of Emotion

- Sadness.. God near the broken hearted Psa 34:18
- Hopeless.. Cast cares on the Lord Psa 55:22
- Fears.. God is my rock in whom I trust Psa 18:2





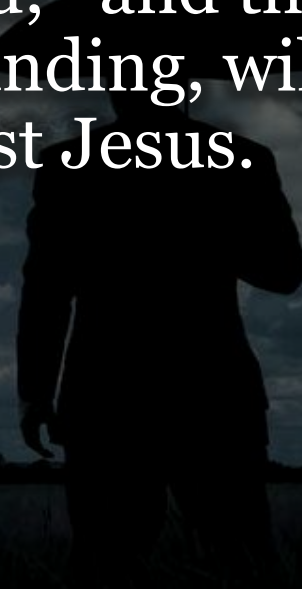
### 3 The Power of Prayer

- **1 John 5:14-15** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.



### 3 The Power of Prayer

- **Phil 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



## 4 Find Strength in the Lord

- **Psalm 46:1-3** God is our refuge and strength,  
A very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we  
will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,  
And though the mountains be carried into the  
midst of the sea.





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