

...God has come to test you...' Exodus 20:20

Do you remember your school days? When you were being tested the teacher was silent.

The Bible says: '...Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him...When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and...He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night [just before the dawn] he went out to them, walking on the lake...

They cried out, because they...were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down.

They were completely amazed' (Mark 6:45-51 NIV). This story teaches that:

- 1) Being in the will of God requires you to go through storms. 'Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all' (Psalm 34:19KJV).
- 2) When you can't see Him, His eye is still on you. You are never out of His sight, His care or His reach.
- 3) He will never give you an assignment you can complete without His help, so don't try it alone.
- 4) If you let it, fear will cloud your thinking and keep you from recognising Him when He comes to you.
- 5) First He will speak to you, then to the circumstances that threaten you. When He does, you'll experience supernatural peace.
- 6) When your boat is 'in the middle' of the storm, the best is yet to come!
- 7) The darkest hour is just before the dawn. Rejoice! The sun will shine again; God won't fail you.

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