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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Mark 4:41 *They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him?”* (NIV)

I felt compelled to look at this passage today because it is the first time that the disciples not only saw Jesus as Teacher or Rabbi, but for Who He really is, LORD. The scene is on a troubled and tossed boat in the middle of the night. The scripture recounts that they feared for their lives. Their boat seemed like it was about to go under. Now there are a couple of thoughts to keep in mind. The first is this: Jesus had told them to get into the boat so they could go over to the others side. He didn't say let us go half-way, capsize and drown. And to top it all off, when this storm hit, they were scared beyond belief, but Jesus was sleeping. They were looking at the waves that were beating against the boat. Jesus was at peace in the rocking arms of His Heavenly Father.

King David asked the LORD to see if there be any wicked way in him. He too feared what he could not see. He felt he had no control. That is where the disciples were as well. Many of them were seasoned fishermen, but this storm was really 'rocking their boat.' They feared for their lives! Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind stopped, and it was completely calm. He said to His disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" How many times has the LORD proved Himself in your life? He has come through over and over again, and yet we won't abide in Him, rest in Him and walk in Him. Jesus was not worried in the boat. He knew Who was holding the boat in the palm of His hands.

The second thought is that for the first time, the disciples not only followed Jesus, but they also worshipped Him. *“Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him?”* Is He someone you look up to, admire and even follow most of the time? Or is He LORD? To abide in Him, you must be able to answer that question. He's either LORD of all or He's not LORD at all.

Dear LORD, You are LORD! Help us to walk in complete surrender to Your power and Your plan. You hold all things in Your hands. In Jesus Name, Amen