

# The Refreshing Times

## "Let us go to the other side"

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." (Mark 4:35 ESV)

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When Jesus speaks it happens. In Mark 4. We see the disciples obeying Jesus by launching out. As they traveled through a storm builds over the sea of Galilee. These storms are very common. The sea of Galilee is 700' below sea level. Situated in a valley type setting very given to storms. Jesus knew this yet said it anyway "let us go across to the other side. Jesus would never waste an experience to teach his disciples life lessons. This here proved to be one as well. While crossing a storm brews and Jesus is asleep in the back part of the boat. What are the disciples to do? He just finished teaching about the parable of the sower and how the enemy comes immediately to steal the WORD. The word was spoken "let us go across unto the other side. Instead of using what they learned they feared and woke Jesus up and said. "don't You care that we perish". Sound familiar? So often we are sailing along in life and a storm hits us and we say the same thing. In actuality Jesus cared enough to give them a word to stand on for the journey "let us go across to the other side". He did not say let us go half way and die but "let us go across unto the other side. I am writing this newsletter in the midst of a super storm in my life. The Lord said they would not have to do surgery after this near fatal stroke and bless God "I am going to the other side".

It is like the old Imperial's song "he didn't bring us this far to leave us, He did not teach us to swim to let us drown, He didn't build His home in us to lose us now he didn't lift us up to let us down". **GLORY. WE ARE GOING TO THE OTHER SIDE.** Perhaps God has given you a promise to get beyond where you are and you know there will be storms on the horizon. Perhaps it is a marital challenge a financial challenge or a struggle with sickness or a disease. You know you have to pass through this thing. You know these areas are given to storms, yet you press on and when called upon you profess your faith in the midst of it and say "Jesus The Lord of the Universe has said thus and so and so it shall be". The disciples were being called upon to rise to the occasion and say "Jesus the Son of the Living God has spoken to us to pass unto the other side therefore storm you must be at peace and be still !! The disciples were not aware of this kind of talk or authority. Verse 41 makes that plain to see. "And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:35, 41 ESV). Jesus was constantly training His men. John 14 teaches us that the works Jesus did we would do also and greater. The disciples were ignorant of two things what manner of man Jesus was and who they were.

Jesus asked them two questions. And he said unto them, 1, Why are ye so fearful? 2, how is it that ye have no faith? (Mark 4:40 KJV)

Fear comes from ignorance. We do not know. The more we know Him and who we are in Him the stronger our faith becomes. "Let's go across to the other side" taking Him at His word and remembering who we are in Him

We love and may God's richest and best be Yours

Pastors John and Laurie.