

What Revival Looks Like

HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 27:30-44



**FIRED UP**

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31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought *them* all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed *themselves* unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from *their* purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast *themselves* first *into the sea*, and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on *broken pieces* of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

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#### (1) The Reason, 27:30

Acts 27:30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

#### (2) The Reaction, 27:31-35

##### (a) Paul's Practical Comment, 27:31-32

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32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

## (b) Paul's Perfect Confidence, 27:33-35

### i. His Exhortation, 27:33-34

Acts 27:33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought *them* all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat: **for this is for your health**: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

### ii. His Example, 27:35

Acts 27:35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat.



### (3) The Result, 27:36-37

Acts 27:36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

Acts 27:22 And now I exhort you to **be of good cheer**: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

25 Wherefore, sirs, **be of good cheer**: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

b. Caused by the Soldiers – How Paul Saved the Prisoners, 27:38-44

(1) How the Ship was Grounded, 27:38-41

(a) They Lightened It, 27:38

Acts 27:38 And when they had eaten enough, **they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.**

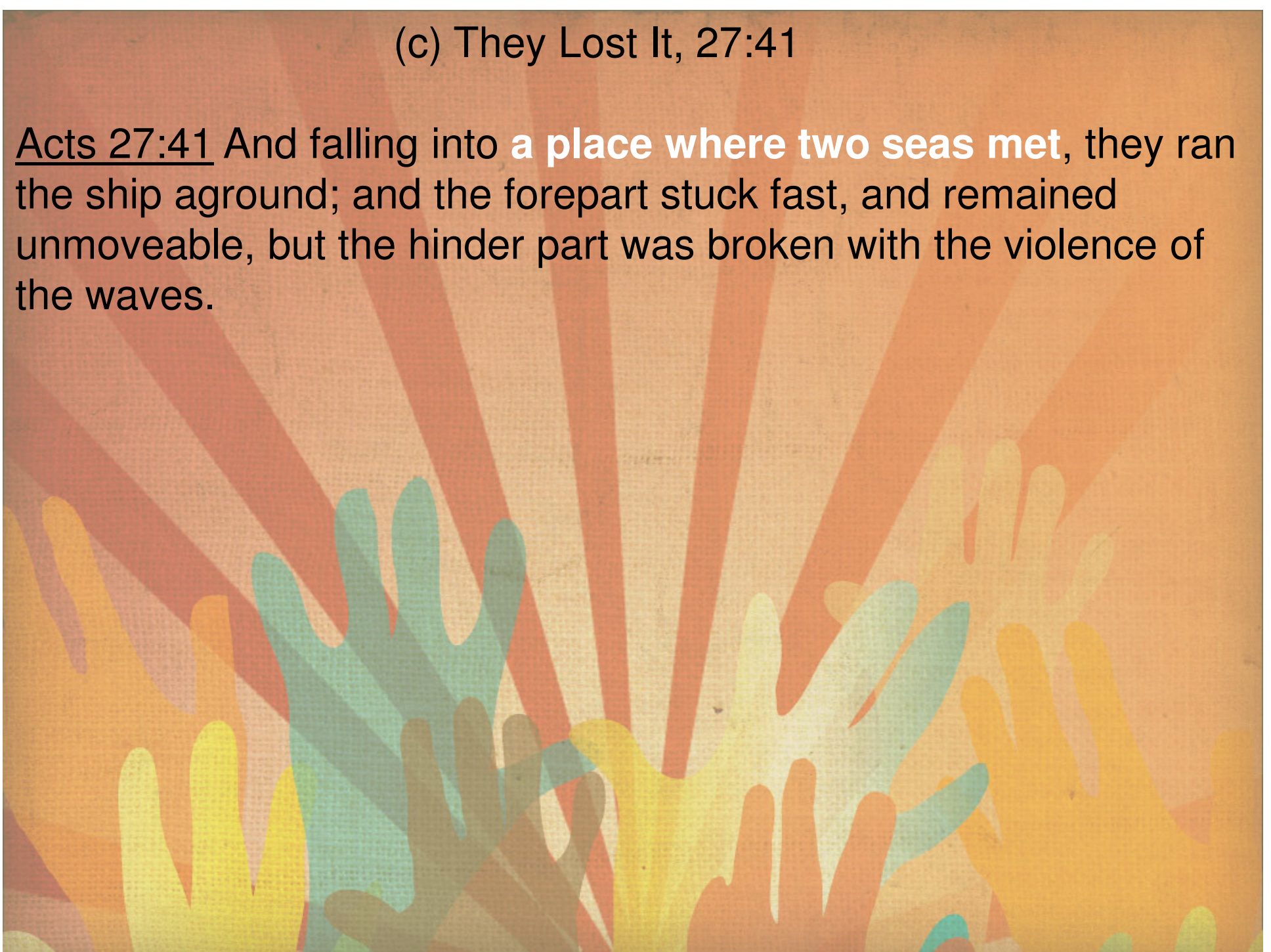
(b) The Loosed It, 27:39-40

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St Paul's Bay was named after St Paul, who was shipwrecked on an Island located in the bay. St Paul was shipwrecked on Malta during his journey from Caesarea to Rome and the Maltese people believe that it was St Paul himself who introduced Christianity to the local population.  
<http://www.malta.com/en/about-malta/city-village/st-paul-s-bay>



## PAUL'S VOYAGE TO TRIAL IN ROME: about 6 months, 2000 miles (3200 km)



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## (2) How the Shore was Gained, 27:42-44

### (a) The Final Danger for Paul, 27:42-43

#### i. What the Soldiers Wanted, 27:42

Acts 27:42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

#### ii. What the Centurion Wanted, 27:43

Acts 27:43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from *their* purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast *themselves* first *into the sea*, and get to land:

### (b) The Full Deliverance for All, 27:44

Acts 27:44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on *broken pieces* of the ship. And so it came to pass, that **they escaped all safe to land.**

## Summary

1. Life is like a sea voyage. Your vessel is the ship.

2 Tim. 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a **vessel** unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

1 Thess. 4:4 That every one of you should know how to **possess his vessel in sanctification and honour**;

2 Cor. 4:7 But **we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

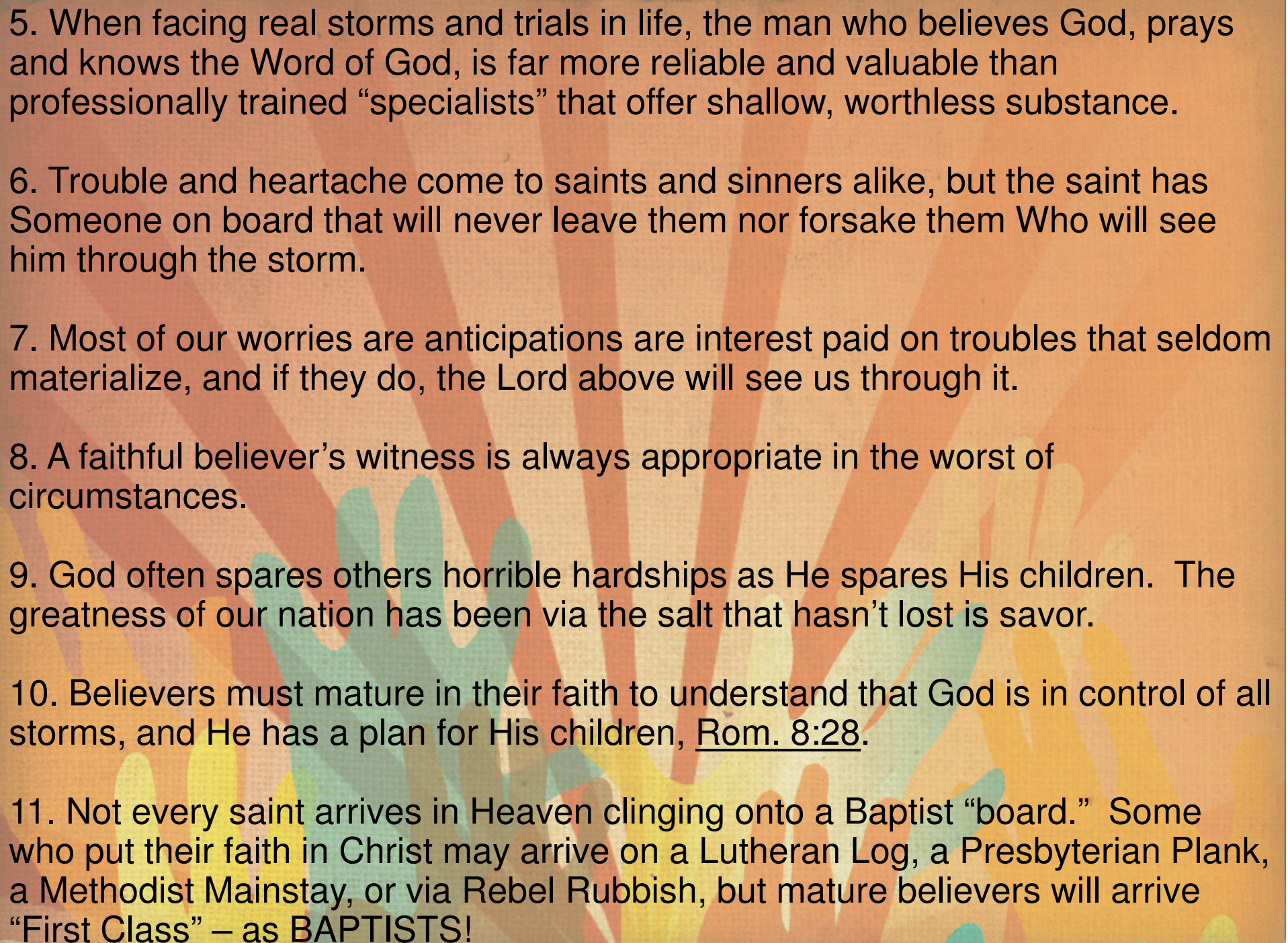
2. Life is like a sea voyage and the Lord Jesus Christ is the ship.

3. Life is like a sea voyage and the local church is the ship.

4. Most believers will not get home in the ship they are in before it falls to pieces

2 Cor. 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but **though our outward man perish**, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.  
17 For our light affliction, **which is but for a moment**, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and eternal weight of glory*;  
18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but **the things which are not seen are eternal.**



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- The background of the slide features a warm, orange-toned image of several hands of various colors (green, yellow, orange) reaching up and holding each other in a gesture of prayer or support. The hands are layered, creating a sense of depth and community.
5. When facing real storms and trials in life, the man who believes God, prays and knows the Word of God, is far more reliable and valuable than professionally trained “specialists” that offer shallow, worthless substance.
  6. Trouble and heartache come to saints and sinners alike, but the saint has Someone on board that will never leave them nor forsake them Who will see him through the storm.
  7. Most of our worries are anticipations are interest paid on troubles that seldom materialize, and if they do, the Lord above will see us through it.
  8. A faithful believer’s witness is always appropriate in the worst of circumstances.
  9. God often spares others horrible hardships as He spares His children. The greatness of our nation has been via the salt that hasn’t lost is savor.
  10. Believers must mature in their faith to understand that God is in control of all storms, and He has a plan for His children, Rom. 8:28.
  11. Not every saint arrives in Heaven clinging onto a Baptist “board.” Some who put their faith in Christ may arrive on a Lutheran Log, a Presbyterian Plank, a Methodist Mainstay, or via Rebel Rubbish, but mature believers will arrive “First Class” – as BAPTISTS!

## Conclusion

Luke 8:22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and **there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.**

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. **Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.**

25 And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?** And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.