

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND APPLICATION

1. Can you recall a time when you were very afraid? What are some of the ongoing fears Christians face? Consider the different stages of life and the fears that may arise, i.e., young adults, middle age, retirement years.
2. Based on verses 45-47, why are the disciples crossing the Sea of Galilee? Where is Christ during this time? How can their situation be applied to our life?
3. What has happened to the disciples as they rowed out into the sea? Some falsely teach that every act of obedience produces an immediate "good" blessing from God. Can you name situations where obedience has led God's saints into difficulty. See Genesis 39:6-20, and 2 Corinthians 11:23-28.
4. Humanly speaking, how precarious is the disciples' situation? How difficult would it be for them to be helped? What does Christ do in response? How is this an irrefutable miracle? How is this miracle a very personal act of care for the disciples? How does Christ demonstrate His power toward us in the most difficult of situations? Read Psalm 46:1-7.
5. The command, "do not be afraid," is one of the most repeated in Scripture. Why is this the case? What does it tell us about our fallen nature? God commands us to have only one type of fear, what is it? How does following this one command give us strength and guidance as we face all other fears? Read Psalm 111:10 and Proverbs 14:26,27.
6. How are human fear and God-given faith antithetical to one another? How does fear keep us from following and obeying God wholeheartedly? Can you give at least five specific reasons why Christ's presence should bring us courage? When in your life have you asked God for courage? What fear in your life today prompts you to seek God's courage?
7. In conclusion, read Psalm 27 and use it as a prayer of praise and confession, asking God to give you courage and hope as you seek to follow Him wholeheartedly.

## *El-Shaddai: Mighty to Save "He Comes in the Storm" (Mark 6:45-52)*

### *I. Spent in the Fourth Watch*

### *II. Lessons from the Storm*

*1. We do not live by \_\_\_\_\_.*

*2. We do not strive \_\_\_\_\_.*

*3. We do not live \_\_\_\_\_.*

### *III. Growing to Trust the One Who Walks through the Storm*

*1. We are called to recognize \_\_\_\_\_.*

*2. We are called to remember \_\_\_\_\_.*

*3. We are called to trust \_\_\_\_\_.*

*4. We are called to give \_\_\_\_\_.*