

Take Courage! Jesus Will Get You Safely to the Other Side

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The Gospels record two major storm narratives involving Jesus and His disciples. In the first, Jesus is with them in the boat when He calms the wind and waves. In the second, He sends them on ahead and later comes to them walking on the water. In both accounts, Jesus makes His intention clear.

- Jesus gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake... they arrived at the other side (Matthew 8:18-28).
- Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side... when they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret (Matthew 14:22-36).
- Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes (Mark 4:35-5:1).
- Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida... when they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there (Mark 6:45-53).

In the midst of the storm, Jesus says, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.” (Matthew 14:27). Jesus will get you safely to the other side!

Let’s see what God’s Word has to say!

Hebrews 3:12-14

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Psalm 127

Unless the Lord builds (establishes) the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Jeremiah 29:7

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

For today's lesson, consider the following points:

- Refuge
- Encouragement
- Peace and Security

Ask the following questions as they relate to the points above.

1. What stands out to you? Which verse speaks to you the most? Why?
2. Elaborate on each verse. How do these verses relate to the points above? For example, how does the Lord show Himself to be your refuge? Why is encouragement so important? What does it mean to prosper? Where do you find your peace and security?
3. How does this apply to your life? Is the Lord your refuge? Who is encouraging you? Where are you getting your courage? Is your life established on the Lord? What does it mean for your soul to prosper?
4. What is one big takeaway from this lesson? What insights did you gain? Summarize what you learned in a sentence or two.

Without Jesus, anything you build is in vain. Without the Lord watching over your life, you will never be secure. Genuine peace and prosperity (shalom) come from the Lord. You might be in the middle of a culture that is contrary, but the One who commands the winds and the waves to be still is with you. Take courage! Do not be afraid! The Lord is your refuge.

References: [Matthew 8:18-28, 14:22-36](#); [Mark 4:35-5:1, 6:45-53](#); [Hebrews 3:12-14, 10:24-25](#); [Matthew 14:27](#); [Psalm 127:1](#); [Jeremiah 29:7](#) [SPANISH]