



# On Stormy Seas

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Let us Remember 

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That we are in the Holy Presence of God.

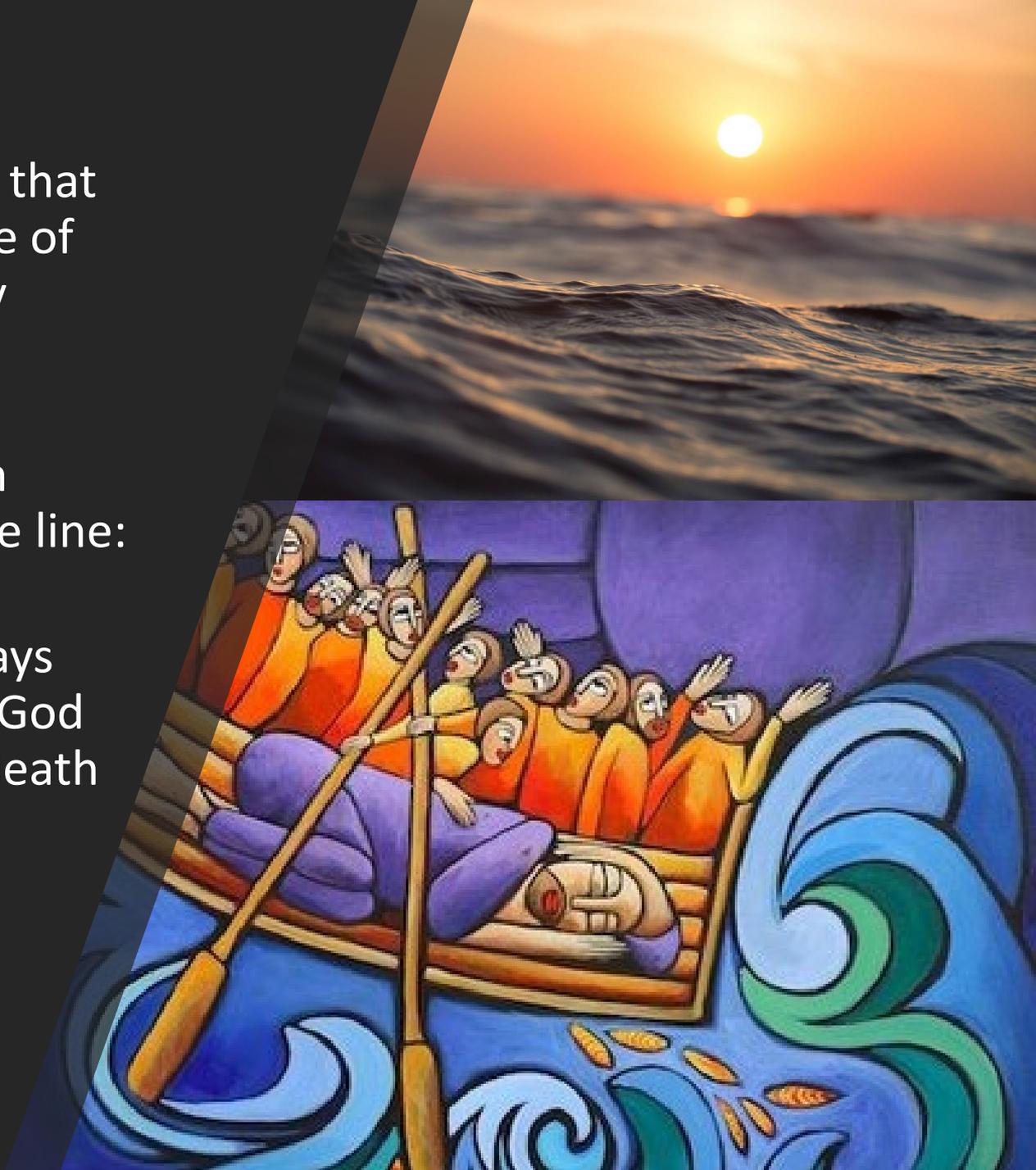
*With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side". And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on a cushion, asleep.*



*They woke him and said to him, "Master do you not care? We are going down!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet now! Be calm!" And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" They were filled with awe and said to one another: "Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him.*



- This story tells us that God is still in charge of this universe, every counter-indication notwithstanding.
- The first Christian creeds had only one line: Jesus is Lord!
- Ultimately that says enough, says it all. God still rules, even in death and darkness.



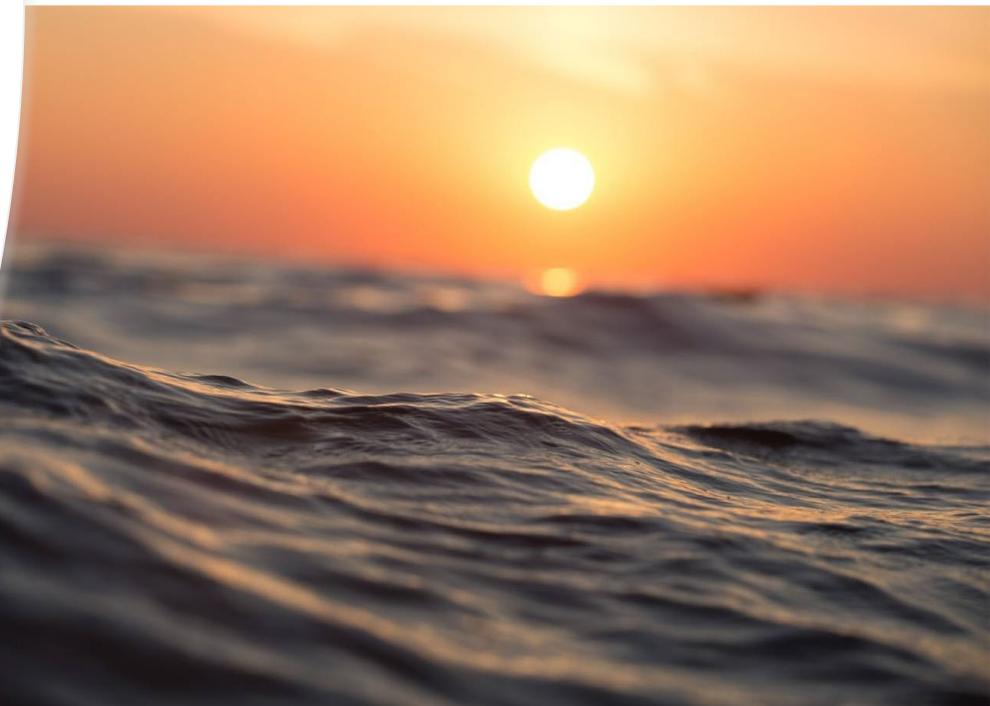
- During the stormy moments of life, when our very souls are in fear of drowning, it will seem like God is asleep, comfortable, his head on a cushion.
- The real challenge of these stories is to believe that calm is only a second of realization away.





- What calms the storm in life is not that all of our problems suddenly disappear but that within them, we realize that because God is still in charge, all will be well.
- All will be well because, even asleep with his head on a cushion, God is still Lord.

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Reflect on this image as you listen. 



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