

## Taking It Home:

- How does it encourage or challenge you that Jesus was so exhausted in verse 38 that he fell asleep in the middle of a raging storm?
- What expectations do you imagine the disciples had for Jesus when they asked the question found in verse 38? What expectations do you have for Jesus when you come to him during a “storm?”
- In 4:41 cowardly fear is turned into a fear greater than any fear of a storm. In light of this pattern found also in Mark 5:15; 6:50; 9:6; and 16:8, how should you respond to Jesus’ work in your life?
- Based on your study of Mark 4:35-41, what thoughts, actions or attitudes can you begin to develop to prepare you for the next storm in your life?
- In your own words, what is one absolute you can identify from 4:35-41?

## Recommended Resources

- *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* by John Ortberg

Piercing the Darkness  
“To the Other Side”  
Mark 4:35-41

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## “To the Other Side”

Notes:

For a restatement of Pastor Matthew’s sermon points, visit [pastormatthew.net](http://pastormatthew.net) and click on the “Write This Down” tab.

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of October 6, 2013

Mark 4:35-41

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**Quick Review:** In Mark 4, evidence is building that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The crowd of Jesus followers has grown and Jesus continues his lessons primary through parables. At the conclusion of his teaching along the shoreline the disciples gather into the boat with orders to go to the other side. Just moments into their journey across the lake, these experienced Galilean fishermen are panic-stricken when a storm overtakes their fishing vessel. Awakened by their panic cries for help, Jesus speaks to the winds and the waves and everything goes quiet. The silence in that moment was deafening. All of nature obeyed the voice of Jesus. Jesus has authority over creation.

## My Story:

- Have you ever been so exhausted that you fell asleep and missed something important to you? How did others respond to you?
- Sometimes we talk about having a spiritual mountain top experience or “high.” If you’ve had one of these experiences, share with the group what it was like.
- Name one or two times in your life where you’ve seen God’s promises fulfilled in your experiences.

## Growing Deeper:

- Compare Jesus’ response to the storm in Mark 4:35-41 to that of the disciples. How are they different?
- Some have compared this experience in 4:35-41 to taking a test after hearing a lecture. After hearing Jesus teach about faith, how well did the disciples pass the test according to 4:40-41?
- The term translated “very much afraid” in verse 40 is found only here and in Revelation 21:8. How is it translated in Revelation and how does that use of the word affect your view of the disciples’ response to the storm?
- Read Mark 1:21-28. How is the rebuke of the demon in chapter 1 similar to the rebuke of the wind in chapter 4? What does this tell you about Jesus?
- What role does faith have in Mark 4:35-41? For more context on how Mark’s gospel encourages faith beyond simple understanding see 2:2; 5:34; 10:52; 11:22.