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Message: Lord of the Storm

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Image of the sea:		
Why they encountered the storm:		
The fear that (can) eliminate(s) fear: _		

Series: Gospel of Mark **Scripture:** Mark 4:35-41: 6:45-52

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Mark 4:35-41; 6:45-52

- 1. When you encounter a storm in life, do you tend to: Trust God? Blame God? Question God? Stop talking to God? Something else? Why do you think you react that way?
- 2. What was a storm you faced in the past that was entirely too overwhelming for you to manage? What actually ended up happening in the end? Looking back, do you believe God sustained you? Abandoned you? Something else? Why?
- 3. Think about Jesus' responses to the disciples' fear (Mark 4:40, Mark 6:50). He simultaneously protected them, rebuked their lack of faith, and encouraged them by saying to "take heart." Which of those responses do you believe God is saying to you/doing for you in your storms? What might change if you believed God was saying/doing all three at the same time?
- 4. What is comforting and challenging about Jesus sending His disciples into the storms?
- 5. What is an example of something God did in your life through a storm for which you are now grateful?
- 6. When you can't see a reason for a storm in your life, what can help you trust that God is still good and still loves you?