



Faith in the storm – not instead of the storm

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Mark 4:35–41; Psalm 107:23–30



Topic

Trust in a crisis



Takeaway

Faith does not protect us from every storm, but it carries us right through it



10–15 minutes



Object: a printout or phone screenshot of a severe weather warning



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Trust in a crisis". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Show the weather warning. Ask: How do you react when a storm is forecast – and how when it catches you by surprise?

3 min

Bible text

Jesus himself sends the disciples out onto the lake: "Let us go over to the other side." They are on their way in obedience – and still end up in a life-threatening storm. On the Sea of Galilee, which lies low between hills, downdrafts can suddenly whip up violent storms. Even the professionals in the boat are at the end of their skill. Jesus calms the storm with a word – just as Psalm 107 tells of God: "He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed." Then he does not ask: "Why did you wake me?" but: "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

5 min

Thought

Travelling with Jesus does not mean there are no storms – the disciples were exactly on his path. Faith is not a shield against crises but trust in who is sitting in the boat with us. For leaders this matters twice over: at camp and in the group, storms come – bad weather, conflicts, emergencies. Good preparation is right and important. But we do not have to hold everything together on our own. Like the disciples, we can turn to Jesus – and accompany others with the calm we ourselves receive from him.

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Conversation

Which storm has surprised you recently – and where did you experience or miss Jesus in it?



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Prayer to read aloud

Lord Jesus, you have power over wind and waves. Thank you that you are in the boat with me in my storms. Give me your peace, so that I can pass it on to others. Amen.



To think further

- Why does God allow storms even though he can calm them?
- How can leaders radiate calm in a crisis without playing problems down?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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