

Hope-Peace Supplemental Verses for Table Time 12/10/23

Hope Example

Setting: Jesus and disciples had just finished feeding the 5,000 men (maybe 15,000+ people)

Mark 6:45-52

After everyone had their meal, Jesus instructed his disciples to get back into the boat and go on ahead of him and sail to the other side to Bethsaida. So he dispersed the crowd, said good-bye to his disciples, then slipped away to pray on the mountain.

As nightfell, the boat was in the middle of the lake and Jesus was alone on land. The wind was against the disciples and he could see that they were straining at the oars, trying to make headway.

When it was almost morning, Jesus came to them, walking on the surface of the water, and he started to pass by them. When they all saw him walking on the waves, they thought he was a ghost and screamed out in terror. But he said to them at once, "Don't yield to fear. Have courage. It's really me - I Am!"

Then he came closer and climbed into the boat with them, and immediately the stormy wind became still. They were completely and utterly overwhelmed with astonishment. Their doubting hearts had not grasped his authority and power over all things in spite of just having witnessed the miraculous feeding.

Peace Example

Different time and circumstances, same lake.

Luke 8:22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's get in a boat and go across to the other side of the lake." So they set sail, and soon Jesus fell asleep. But a fierce wind arose and became a violent squall that threatened to swamp their boat. Alarmed, the disciples woke Jesus up and said, "Master, Master, we're sinking! Don't you care that we're going to drown?"

With great authority Jesus rebuked the howling wind and surging waves, and instantly they became calm. Then Jesus said to them, "Why are you fearful? Have you lost your faith in me?" Shocked, they said with amazement to one another, "Who is this man who has authority over winds and waves that they obey him?"