

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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There are times it seems everything is going against you. It happens to everyone, and in that moment, our fear threatens to overwhelm us. There's an app for that: **Courage**. It's the same courage offered by our Savior who called out to his disciples when everything seemed against them as they rowed against the wind during a dark storm; "Take courage!" he called to them, "It is I." If things seem to be going against you right now, the courage Jesus offers is the app you need. If things are going well, just wait. . . that will change, and the app Jesus offers will bring you the calm you need in the midst of the storm.

1. Recall to mind a time in your life when you were experiencing great difficulty, and the situation went from difficult to completely out of control. How did you react? Did you, in faith, call out to the Lord at some point during the experience? If so, what happened when you did so?
2. Context, when understanding Scripture, is so important! Look at the word "immediately in vs. 45 and turn to the narrative just before our passage. What has just happened? Why is knowing that important to fully understand what happens next?
3. Using your study Bible, look up the word "courage" in its various forms such as "courageous." What is happening in those passages that is similar to the account of the disciples in the boat? How is courage received? What does courage accomplish?
4. Look again at vs. 50. Realize: the disciples aren't "terrified" until Jesus arrives. When have you been "terrified" because God is doing something unexpected, something you don't understand? What was the outcome?
5. Read 6:53-56. Imagine you're one of the disciples who had been filled with courage during the storm, and you've just landed to find people running toward Jesus. How do you feel? What are you capable of doing, to reach, to serve?

Prayer: Lord God, because there are times when things seem to be against us, call out to us with your offer of courage, for "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). We thank you for the courage you offer, that empowers us to be "more than conquerors." Amen.
