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**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . . even the wind and the sea obey Him . . . ”**  
*Mark 4:41*

The wind is often used throughout Scripture as an indication of crisis and turmoil. Wind is also used analogously in our own lives to indicate crisis and turmoil. Phrases like “running against the wind” make for passionate lyrics celebrating the struggles and battles of life that lead to some victories and some defeats along the way, but gained experience nonetheless. In some cases wind is used literally to rejoice about a glorious moment parachuting, parasailing, sail boating, hang gliding, or flying in an air plane or floating in a hot air balloon. But most of the time wind is used literally to report what the effect is, was, or will be as an explanation for why something is happening, has happened, or will happen with dire or disappointing results.

Such is the case in this passage of the gospel of Mark. The disciples, used to the water, boating, and fishing, somehow lost their nerve when this squall came upon them. My sanctified imagination sees here expressed by the disciples a misapplied understanding of biblical faith that teaches that just because Jesus is present in my life I won't have any problems and pains or meet with any pitfalls or persecution by natural or supernatural means. My sanctified imagination isn't the only reason I believe misapplied faith was the issue for the disciples on board the boat that day (and for that matter the issue for many disciples in our churches today), but more importantly the Word of God says it was the issue. Jesus said, “How is it that you have no faith?” This was a rhetorical question. Misapplied faith is no faith at all.

How has your faith been tested? Did the testing reveal a misunderstanding or misapplication of biblical faith? Is the presence of Christ sufficient in your life for all times, but crisis? According to the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1, it should be understood that we don't have to see what Christ is doing or can do in our lives in order to believe that He can do it, or see us through it. Adrian Rogers says it this way, “Believe in miracles, but trust in Jesus.” For even the wind and the sea obey Him.