

“As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.”” Mark 4:35 NLT

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Don't get me wrong on this but I a little hesitant when I hear Jesus ask me to go for a boat ride! Think Mad Naked Man, think STORM, think life or death, poop your pants, edge of your seat object lessons. And he's so casual about it. Follow me, he says. Let's go places no one likes to visit, or see people that no one wants to be around. Come on, it'll be fun. It'll be "life-changing" he says. It reminds me of the time I asked two friends to go with me on a hospital visit. I didn't tell them it was a government psych ward where we had to break into the building and get locked inside just to "visit" a friend. "What's the worse that can happen?," I asked them. Jesus leads us, he invites us into storms! Mark wants you to know that Jesus has power over ALL things and systematically shows us through the miracles he performed. As a reader we experience life on the edge, right along with the the disciples. But why just read about it? Stories are great for that thrill of adventure bouncing around in our head, but LIVING it - wow, there's nothing like it. Quit reading about it and experience it for yourself! Jesus still invites us to go for boat rides, visit graveyards, hang with lepers and losers. What would Jesus be inviting you to this week? My advice, go for it! Watch Jesus be powerful over the circumstances he invited you to see first hand. Quit reading hero books and watching Marvel movies of fantasy adventure and go live one yourself.

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

In light of eternity and the short time I have here on this planet, I want to LIVE a more adventurous life - a life where I simply say YES to your leading, your invitation. I hear you whisper, “come on, let’s go,” but I think, “oh, I’ve got more important things to do.” I miss out. I take you up on some of them but I want to say yes more often.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root