

Pastor Randy's short devotion for February 21st:

“The disciples woke him and said to him, ‘Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?’ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Peace! Be Still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” {Mark 4:38b-39}

Jesus was sound asleep, resting in Peter’s boat and in his Father’s care. When Jesus got into Peter’s boat, Jesus laid down on the pillows in the stern of the boat. The sun was shining, the waves were gentle. It wasn’t long that Jesus was sound asleep. Then, without warning, which happens quite often on the Sea of Galilee, a storm came up and over the mountains. The clouds were dark. The wind became strong, making five to six foot white caps, which began to splash over the bow of the boat, filling the boat with water. Jesus was still asleep, when the disciples awoke him out of fear of drowning. Jesus wakes up and sees the waves and feels the wind and declares, “Peace be still.” Jesus was trusting in his Father’s care so he slept soundly through the storm. Our lives can be like the disciples on the boat. Things can be going along just smoothly, then without warning, we find ourselves buffeted by a storm. When it happens we can cry out to Jesus. He can calm our storms. Jesus is greater than the wind and the sea and greater than the forces that can bring a storm into your life. Jesus declares to your heart, “Peace, be still.” Jesus is present. Your Heavenly Father is faithful in his promises to you, watching over you and holding you in his hands. So when the storms come, turn to the one who can declare “Peace.”