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“THE POWER TO CALM STORMS”  
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**Sermon Title:** The Power to Calm Storms

**Scripture text:** Mark 4:35-41

**Outline:**

1. The Journey of Life
2. The Bark of the Church
3. The Master and Commander

**Questions:**

1. **Ice Breaker Question** — Have you ever experienced a weather event that scared your socks off? Describe what happened and how you felt.
2. **Transition Question** — Put yourself in the place of the disciples. What would you have expected of Jesus in this situation?
3. **Observation Question** — Why does the text mention all sorts of little details, like fact that Jesus was asleep in the stern and that there were other boats.
4. **Reflection Question** — After Jesus does the miracle, the disciples aren't jumping up and down high fiving each other. They are terrified! What does this tell us about God and about fear? (Hint: Josh talked about two kinds of fear).
5. **Reflection Question** — Where are you anxious? How can you bring that anxiety to Jesus? How have you seen him calm storms in the past?
6. **Application Question** — One of the images that the early church used to describe the church was that of a ship (a 'bark'). What part are you called to play on the bark that is NEPC, and how can thinking about the church as a ship give you perspective on serving Christ?