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With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have

no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.' (Mark 4, 35-41)

During trials, fear could affect us even to the point of losing faith in the Lord. This doesn't have to happen. In fact, all the tests we are called to endure have a beginning and an end, established by God. The Lord never subjects us to anything we cannot bear, He does not ask us to carry burdens beyond our capabilities. Therefore, let's learn to complain less and to rely more on Jesus. Our Faith will automatically banish fear because the two cannot exist side by side.