

Don't be afraid

Mark 4:39-40: He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still! Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

The disciples were professional fishermen and very adept at handling their boats. But God wanted them to learn to be totally dependent on Him, so He tested them in the area of their greatest strength, sailing on the Sea of Galilee, instead of an area of weakness.

Any area where we have a tendency to become prideful about our abilities can hinder a strong relationship with God. Through parenting trials, God may be testing you in the area of your strength as well in order to encourage total dependence on Him. When you are overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, He lovingly asks: "Why are you so afraid?"

Trust God to calm the storms of your everyday life.

Inserted by Elizabeth Germain:

Make a list of things that your kids do you wish your kids did or didn't do. You can then create a set of about 4-10 rules (depending on the ages of the children). Sit them down and discuss what the new rules are and what the consequences for breaking the rules are. Letting kids know what is expected of them helps them to know right from wrong. There may be more things on your list that would make your rules too long and hard to remember. Give those things to God and ask him for patience and love when parenting your kids. I know you parents are doing a great job with your kids because I see them every Sunday and they are all such wonderful kids. Keep going Parents, 'you are entrusted with very much and that means much more will be required of you.' Luke 12:48 and 'Let us not give up on doing good, for at the right time we will reap a harvest.' Galatians 6:9

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