



## Peace, Be Still

Revive Devotional: Week of 4/12/2020

This week we are going to be looking at the passage Mark 4:35-41. One method to reading Scripture is to read and analyze it as a piece of literature. It is a story after all! That means looking at the structural patterns, contrasts/similarities between characters, descriptions of environment/people, etc.

### Part I:

The three main characters in this passage are the storm, the disciples, and Jesus. Compare and contrast Jesus, the disciples, and the storm:

1. What were they doing?
2. How are they described?
3. How did they react? What did they say? How did they say it?
4. How did they change/stay the same throughout the story?
5. What were your observations?

For me, the similarity I saw was how both the storm and the disciples were restless, being tossed around, and in fear.

**“Contrary, Jesus remained steadfast the entire time.”**

Even in the midst of the storm he spoke with authority and confidence declaring peace and stillness over the waves and the disciples' hearts. The big transformation for me, was how the disciples' fear was not eradicated but transformed. At first their fear was out of distress, seeing the obstacle before them. However, after Jesus calms the storm the fear of the circumstance became the fear of the Lord. They saw the Son of God in front of them and were amazed by His power and authority.

## Part II: Application

What did you take away from your observations? How can you apply it to your life?

For me, this passage was a reminder to myself to focus on God and not my circumstance. Especially in times like these. I find myself asking “Whys?” when I should be asking “Whats?” The ‘whys’ (eg. Why would God let this happen?) focus on myself or the problem/circumstance I’m in. The ‘what’ (What do you want me to do? What are you trying to teach me? etc.) focus on God and where He is leading. I pray my questions and heart come from a place of the fear of God not fear of my circumstance.

## Part III: Activity

One song has really spoken to me during this time is Peace Be Still by The Belonging Co. (Ft. Lauren Daigle).

**“I sing this song over my heart commanding it like Jesus commanded the waves and disciples to have peace and be still.”**

I’m going to command this over my heart till my heart actually believes it. So, I thought I would share it with all of you. In conjunction with that, I feel like God has been releasing creativity and reawakening my childlike spirit. So, this week I invite you to listen to the song while coloring this coloring page (for a worship playlist you can listen to the playlist we made for Revive last month-also linked again in this week’s email) Take some time to relax, take a deep breathe, pray, and let your creativity flow. It’s supposed to be fun so don’t stress or overthink it!

We would love to see your drawings/colored pages so send us a picture! You can email it to our email address [afmcrevive@gmail.com](mailto:afmcrevive@gmail.com) or you can text it to me (Carina) (949)633-0108!