

August 23

Calmed Sea, Worried Disciples

By awesome deeds of righteousness, you answer us, God of our salvation.
You who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, of those who are far away on the sea
...who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations – Psalm 65:5-7

[Mark 4:35-41, Galilee] On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let's go over to the other side."

Leaving the multitude, they took him with them, even as he was, in the boat, himself and his disciples, and they launched out. Other small boats were also with him. A big wind storm arose on the sea, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filled. He himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they came to him, woke him up, and told him, "Save

us, Teacher, don't you care that we are dying?"

Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?

He awoke, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?"

They were greatly afraid, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that commands even the wind and the sea, and they obey him?" [Luke 8:22-25, Matthew 8:23-27]

1. Has your life (or your friend's) been in danger? How were you fearful or faith-filled?
2. The disciples were afraid even after the calm, why? Is this fear good? Do you have it?
3. Jesus, you are so powerful, yet often I want you to "wake up" to help me, please give...