“Each of us is captive – to sin, and to even ourselves – who needs a rescuer. This is a profoundly different way of thinking about ourselves than what the culture teaches. Nothing we can do – no program, no spiritual practice, no technique – and nothing we can buy or experience can do what only Jesus can do for us. Only Jesus can bring new life to an imprisoned soul.”

Guarded By Christ, page 34

Write what you learned from Mark 4:35-40, use the back of this page.

Matthew 14:22-33

Comparing the two storm stories:
From the first storm story we learn the power of _________________________________
From the second storm story we learn the power of _________________________________

In the first storm, Jesus talked to ____________________________________________
In the second storm, Jesus talked to ____________________________________________

“Psalm 27:4 says, ‘One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and meditate in His temple.’ It’s important that we all find the ‘one thing’ that can become the reference point for the rest of the issues of life. And that one thing is the Presence of the Almighty God.”

- Bill Johnson, Hosting the Presence

In the first storm, the disciples cry out and ask Jesus ____________________________________________
In the second storm, Peter he cries out and asks Jesus ____________________________________________
Two Greek words for “rescue” --

Sozo:

[Matthew 14:30]

Rhoumai:

[Matthew 6:13]

Further Study

1. Read Matthew 14:22-33 and put yourself in the story. Reflect on the following:
   - What would it cost you to get out of the boat?
   - When Jesus calls out to you and says, “come,” what does that mean and look like for you?
   - What are you longing for Jesus to rescue you from?

2. With that storm story in mind, write the answers to the following questions:
   - What does your boat of comfort and familiarity represent?
     Is it a person, maybe even yourself?
     Is it performance; your work, something religious, your efforts to be perfect or a great mom, etc?
     Is it your props; your addictions, social media, spending money, staying busy, etc?
   - Who or what do you trust to rescue you? (the answer to #1 and 2 may be the same)
   - Who do you try to rescue?

3. Read each passage or verse. Write what each one says about God and what He will do for you. Pick one verse and write it on an index card. Post it somewhere that you will see it often. Meditate on it and memorize it.

   - Daniel 6:21-23
   - Psalm 18:16-19
   - Psalm 32:7
   - Psalm 34:4
   - Isaiah 30:18
   - Isaiah 41:10
   - Jeremiah 29:11-14
   - Lamentations 3:19-26
   - 1 Corinthians 10:13
   - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
   - Colossians 1:13-14
   - Hebrews 13:6