



Braving Trust
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Mark 4:35-41

Connect:

- Define 'brave' in your own words. Based on your definition, what is the bravest thing you've ever done? How did that make you feel?

Engage

- Read **Mark 4:35-41**. What strikes you most about this passage of scripture? Why?
- The disciples were experienced boaters and had undoubtedly been caught at sea in a storm before. They seem, however, to panic and fear that their only way out of *this* storm is for Jesus to work a miracle. What tools do you think the disciples already had (*physically, via experience, etc*) to imagine a way through the storm without the miracle? In what ways can our previous experience through whatever storm we face inform our presence in the current storm? Is the answer to our prayers sometimes to trust the wisdom God has given us through our previous experience? Discuss.
- It is one thing to marvel at Jesus' miracle of commanding the waves to cease and they listen. If that's it, however, it is simply a one and done experience. What else do you see in this passage that speaks to the ongoing nature of Jesus in our lives today?
- Can trust be a collective experience? How would you say Broadway has trusted God in our past? What is your evidence of such trust? How do you perceive we need to trust God as a church today?

Next Steps:

- What would it mean for you to trust God more than you do right now? Is that on God? Is it on you? Is it a reflection of your relationship? Discern your trust level today and ponder ways in which you might strengthen your trust in God.

Pray:

- *"When the storms of life swell, we often panic and lose site of our previous experiences with you, O God. As you have been faithful before, help us trust that you will be faithful again. Strengthen our trust, firm up a calm presence within us, and guide us forward stronger than before. Amen."*