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As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you

The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Mark 4:35-41

One of the most important questions we can ask of Biblical Writings is WHY?

Discussion Questions

Since God loves us, he lets us choose how we will respond to him.

1. What stood out to you in this week's episode and/or passage se possible Auh featiof God's judgment թգրեր կերը կերը կերը հերանական in this week's episode and/or passage.

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Our choices have consequences.

2. Read John 1:1-5 and 16:33. How do you think these passages es with Links: God hates and judges sin, but leves to forgive and reserve singers what does that mean

Wes Work War have all the answers, but we always have a choice whether or not we will trust God's 30veVhat do you need/want from Jesus and what "impossibility" do Donate to Crosscreek & keep a you need to trust him with? How can your group pray for you in

When we ask God "why" we can choose to the answer is based on his love for us.

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Message Passage

Before they left, the men told her, "We will be bound by the oath we have taken only if you follow these instructions. When we come into the land, you must leave this scarlet rope hanging from the window through which you let us down. And all your family members—your father, mother, brothers, and all your relatives—must be here inside the house. If they go out into the street and are killed, it will not be our fault. But if anyone lays a hand on people inside this house, we will accept the responsibility for their death. If you betray us, however, we are not bound by this oath in any way." Joshua 2:17-20 NLT

This Week's Challenge:

Read once a day: Romans 5:6-8

Ask: Since God loves me, why do I choose to not trust him?

Discussion Questions

- 1. Where have you seen God's love this week?
- 2. What stood out, bothered, confused, was clarified, or left you feeling unsatisfied in this episode?
- 3. What is easier for you to focus on: God's judgment or God's mercy? Why do you think that is?
- 4. Read Jonah 3:6-4:3 and 2 Peter 3:9-10. What do you see about God's character in these passages?
- 5. How can your group pray for you this week?



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