

# Where's Your Chair?

Mark 6 47-56



Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.  
He made the storm be still and the waves of the sea were calmed.

Psalm 107:29

## **Praising:**

Peace, perfect peace,  
with sorrows surging round?  
In Jesus' presence  
naught but calm is found.

## **Reading:**

Mark 6:47-56  
Jesus walks on water

Having ordered the disciples to take a spiritual breather, Jesus steals away for one himself and sends the disciples across the lake. Bethsaida was a fishing village at the north end of the Sea of Galilee. Whether Jesus has been praying or sleeping, presumably Jesus sees that the disciples are struggling from his mountain vantage point. About the fourth watch of the night (from 3 to 6am) he comes to them across the water. However we visualise this scene, Mark

presents the Master walking miraculously to the aid of his friends and quelling their turbulence. Through simple lack of faith, the disciples miss the true import of Jesus walking on the water and the multiplication of the loaves before it. Once ashore, the new normality resumes with crowds rushing to touch the fringe of Jesus' rabbinical garments and be healed.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

In our struggles and uncertainties, Lord come to us

- that we may see the Saviour in his care and concern walking in our direction
- that we may hear his voice reassuring and comforting us that he is drawing near
- that we may respond in the same way to others as we see them to be struggling

Father: your Son continues to come to the aid of his disciples. Please show me when it's right to row against the wind and the tide for you, and when I'm only wasting my time. Amen

## **Doing:**

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