



# Family Service

## Calming the Storm

The Callaghan Family

(with special guests Stacey and Lacey)

Welcome to our Family Service today, we hope that you are all well and that God's Holy Spirit will speak to you as we worship Him together.



Mark is out and about being battered by a storm, Stacey is very worried about him but Lacey tells her that Mark made it all up with special effects. But then Stacey starts to worry again in case another storm comes, however Mark reassures her that everything is OK.



Mark then goes on to tell the story of Jesus calming the storm. This storm is in Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41 and Luke 8:22-25. In these accounts Jesus had been busy all-day long teaching people, healing the sick and telling stories, then at the end of the day He got into the boat

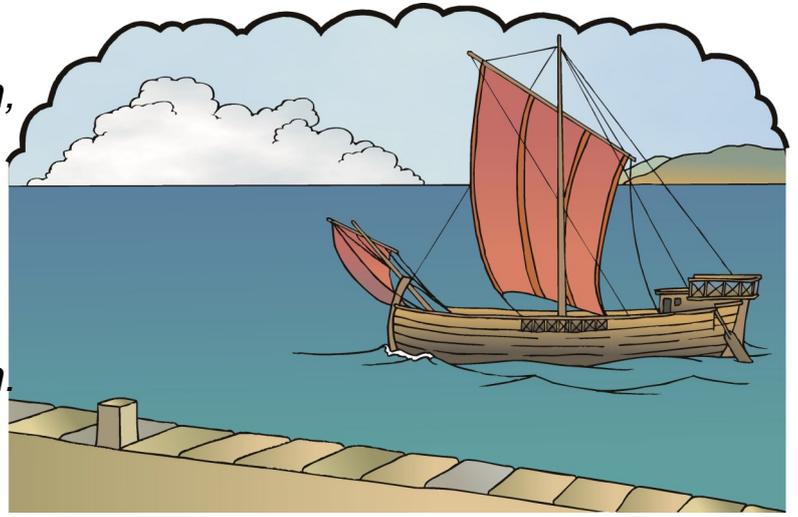
and falls asleep.

He also recalled day trips out when he was younger with his mum and dad – trips to places like Blackpool. His mum would put him and his brother in their pyjamas before the return home in case they fell asleep. Then at home they could be put straight to bed.

Mark then recalled a song he sang when he was younger, and Stacey and Lacey knew it so as they sang it Mark did the actions.



*'With Jesus in the boat,  
You can smile at the storm,  
Smile at the storm,  
Smile at the storm,  
With Jesus in the boat,  
You can smile at the storm.  
As we go sailing home'*



Mark focused on the first storm mentioned in the gospel accounts.

Have you ever been in a storm.?

Mark talked about two storms that he had been in. One when he was on a foot ferry going from the Isle of Mull in Scotland to Iona – it was a bit rough.

Then when Grace was just 8 months old Sarah and Mark took a holiday in Ireland. The return journey was very, VERY rough in the St Georges Channel in the Irish Sea. People were being sick everywhere. Sarah was very worried, not for herself but for Grace (who slept through it all), Mark was worried too – in case someone was sick on his ham sandwiches.



Being in a storm can be a bit frightening and the storm the disciples were in must have been pretty bad. We have to remember that in the boat that day was Peter, his brother Andrew, James and John. These were the first disciples Jesus called and they were fishermen. In fact they were fishing partners as well as related being cousins. It was a family fishing business, perhaps passed down from grandfather to son and then grandson. These hardened fishermen would have known the Sea of Galilee like the back of their hand and they would have been in storms and seen storms – they knew what it was like.



So while Jesus slept in the boat the disciples ran into a storm on Lake Galilee – as the storm built up the disciples became afraid – memories of Corporal Jones in Dad's Army running around and shouting

**'Don't panic – Don't panic'**



As they panicked Jesus slept. But we must remember that the disciples had been with Jesus all day and had seen Him heal people and heard Jesus' stories and listened to His teaching's.

Had they forgotten that Jesus was right there with them in the boat, in the same storm. What did they do? They shouted at Jesus!

**'DON'T YOU CARE THAT WE ARE GOING TO DIE'**

What did Jesus do? He stood up and told the wind to be quiet and the waves to calm down. The disciples were amazed and asked 'who is this man'? A line from the song 'My Lighthouse' says 'He will carry us safe to shore'

### **My Lighthouse**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

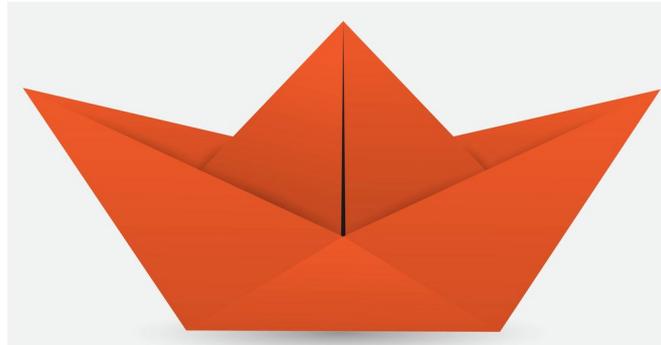
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace...

In life we face many storms. We could face issues with family and friends, illness or loss of mobility, we might feel stressed and anxious, or loneliness due to the loss of a loved one, we might worry about money due to the loss of a job or trying to make ends meet.

We are all in a storm right now with the global pandemic of COVID-19.

During the service we all watched a video on how to make an origami boat - it is now time for you to open your envelope. Inside you will find a...



But it is not just any boat, this one is special as inside it you will see the name

**JESUS**

In big letters.

Feel free to add waves to the base of it and put it in a place that you will see it everyday, as a reminder that no matter what storms we face in our lives Jesus is right there in the boat of our lives with us.

And with Jesus in the boat we can smile at the storm, smile at the storm as we go sailing home.

**Let us Pray**

Dear Heavenly Father thank you that it says in your word that you are always with us. Help us face our fears when we're feeling afraid. when were feeling timid remind us of who you are.

Thank you that you are Strong and courageous, the almighty King and loving father. Lord we bring to you the people today that are struggling, we pray that you will bring them your peace, as they journey through the storms they face. Help us all each day to remember that you are always with us Lord.

We ask all these things in Your precious name Lord Jesus.

Amen

Our Family Service was brought to a close with some more worship songs :-

**Great are You Lord** - which Michael Wyatt produced the music, with help from some of our young people.

**Waymaker** - which reminds us that God is keeping His promises to us and that He is our light in the darkness. Grace Callaghan produced this song.

**What a Friend we have in Jesus** - by Pete James



## The Grace ...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
Be with us all,  
Now and forever more.  
Amen



## Hot off the Press!

The results from last week's 'Wall Quiz' set by Angela....

Look on the next page...

I'm saying nothing, God Bless you all.

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- 2 = HADRIAN'S WALL
- 3 = UVHS FRONT WALL
- 4 = BABYLON WALL
- 5 = BERLIN WALL
- 6 = ASKAM BRICKWORKS
- 7 = JERUSALEM WALL
- 8 = ULVERSTON PARISH
- 9 = BEDFORD HOUSE aka Lambeth Palace of the North!

Thanks to everyone who took part. It was a close thing, but the winners with full marks = the Callaghan family! Prizes for all contenders, distributed in due course. Love Angela x

Mervyn has called for a steward's enquiry!

