

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

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- Different responses (avoid these)
 1. Discouragement
 2. Escape
 3. Fear
- A better response (***Psalm 34:4 NKJ***)
 1. Don't forget who we are connected to
 2. Seek the Lord about the tough situation

THE DISCIPLES EXAMPLE OF WHAT NOT TO DO IN TOUGH TIMES (***Mark 4:35-41 NKJ***)

- Jesus gave a directive
 1. He expressed what was going to happen
 2. The disciples did not understand the power of His words
 3. They encountered a tough situation
- The disciples responded in fear
 1. A natural response but...
 2. They jumped to the worse case conclusion that they were going to die
 3. They assumed that Jesus did not care
- Jesus' response indicated the disciples had other options beside fear
 1. After calming the storm, He challenged them about their faith
 2. They could have asked for His help
 3. They could have believed they were going to make it storm or no storm

SO LEARNING FROM THE DISCIPLES WE KNOW WHAT TO DO

- Believe His word is powerful (***1 Thessalonians 2:13 NKJ***)
 1. Much more than the word of men
 2. Powerful to those who believe it
- Remember who is in the boat with you!
 1. He has promised to never leave us - we are not on our own
 2. He has promised to help us - we are not helpless
 3. He has given us His Holy Spirit - we are not powerless (***2 Timothy 1:7 NKJ***)
 4. Do not project a worse case scenario
- Believe He does care about you (***1 Peter 5:7 NKJ***)
 1. You can seek the Lord and He will hear you
 2. You can give Him your cares because He cares