

A SATISFYING PICTURE OF LIFE

1. Life is often filled with rapid transitions from one circumstance to another: good or bad. In some respects this had been a great day for the disciples:
 1. In the morning of the day they had returned from a preaching tour and reported to the Lord how great things they had done, and what they had taught.
Mark 6:30
 2. They had been in the midst of a bright day with Jesus and the thousands of men and women, who for a time were enraptured with the "loaves and fishes" Jesus had fed them, Mark 6:32-44, but in the time of storm turned away from Christ. As often true this wonderful picture of life changes suddenly.
So where are they now?
2. They are in the midst of the sea, "tossed with waves" overwhelmed with terror, struggling for life. All ~~this~~ this is but a picture of life for the individual, for the church. LET US NOTICE SOME OF LIFE'S SCENES:

THE WIND WAS CONTRARY. Matt. 14:24

1. The sea of human life may be likened to a sea of depravity, and like the sea of Tiberias, is ever subject to sudden and often violent storms.
 1. The disciples were not in the boat on the sea contrary to what Jesus said. They were there because of his command; To get into a ship and go.
 2. When we set out to do anything positive and aggressive for Christ, because Christ told us to do so, experience teaches us that before long we are going to face some "contrary winds."
2. Why do these things happen to us?
 1. We are not responsible for the contrary wind. That is a matter outside of us and beyond our control.
 2. Effort required for bearing up against the contrary wind may help us avoid some greater storm.
 3. Contending with a contrary wind may strengthen us for some far greater service for Christ.

BEGINNING TO SINK. Matt. 14:30

1. There is the natural tendency to sink which is before us always and an ever problem with us. Peter doubted and began to sink in the sea.
2. Jesus had not invited Peter to Come. Peter Asked. He should have waited for the Master's bid. He felt him *self sinking. His brother could not help now. It is his hand or perish. Said some m*

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