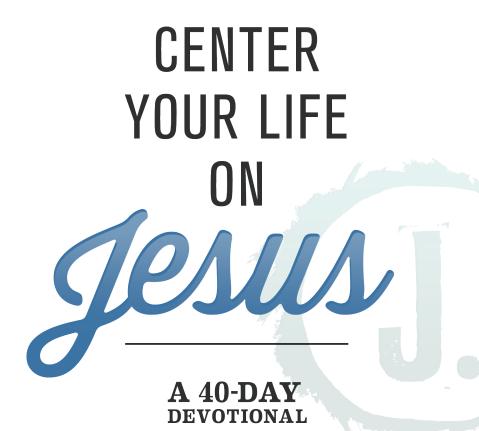


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DURING HIS LIFE ON EARTH, JESUS ASKED LOTS OF QUESTIONS.

That was true then...and it's true now.

The Gospels are packed with Jesus' questions.

Questions that prompted conversations. Raised issues. Opened eyes to flashes of discovery and insight.

And Jesus' questions tended to follow people home, to roll around in their minds, to insist on answers.

So...here are 40 opportunities to answer them.

You'll respond to questions Jesus posed to people around him. And as you do, you'll invite Jesus into conversations about what his questions reveal about him...and what your answers reveal about you.

So come hear his voice.

Feel his presence.

And experience time with Jesus that refreshes your spirit, sparks fresh insight, and draws the two of you closer together. Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat.

But Jesus was sleeping.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Lord, save us! We're going to drown!'

He replied, 'You of little faith, why are you so afraid?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

-Matthew 8:23-26, NIV



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WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID ??

Jesus' disciples never seem to have accused him of asking a stupid question.

But if it ever did happen, it happened here.

Late in the day, a sudden squall caught Jesus and his followers in open water on the Sea of Galilee.

The wind rose, the sky darkened, rain slashed the disciples' faces. And as calm water roiled into white-capped waves, the disciples knew: This is where they'd die.

Water cascaded over the hull of the wooden boat, swamping the already-floundering vessel.

And then the full fury of the storm crashed in on them.

Shaken awake, Jesus looked into the faces of his terrified disciples and shouted over the screaming gale: "Why are you so afraid?"

Why were they *afraid*? *Afraid*? Wasn't it *obvious*?

The disciples stared at one another, thinking, *Even a* [©] *carpenter's kid should see what's happening here.* But they'd misunderstood the question.

Jesus was really asking, "Why are you so afraid...*when I'm* with you?"

Fair question.

They'd gotten to know Jesus. Heard him teach. Seen him perform miracles.

Sort of like you.

You've gotten to know Jesus. Heard him teach. Perhaps seen his power shine in your life and the lives of people you know.

So why are you afraid? Of loss. Death. Living a life of Jesuscentered abandon?

Given that Jesus is with you... why are you so afraid?

And what might set you free from your fear?

WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID ??

AS YOU SPOKE WITH JESUS, WHAT DID YOU DISCOVER ABOUT HIM?

AS JESUS SPOKE WITH YOU, WHAT DID HE HELP YOU DISCOVER ABOUT YOURSELF?

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