



And Also With You

MID-JUNE 2014

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JUNE

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)

Children's Chapel

MONDAYS

6:30pm-Graham
Cooke Group
Information: 455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am-
Women's Bible
Study Information:
990-2973

12:00 noon
Holy Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am-Men's
Group-Information
422-3169



CHALICE BEARERS

June 15
Janic Terry
Kitty Barksdale

June 22
Jane and Bob
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June 29
Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

July 6
Jane and Bob
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Sleep Gives Authority



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

Scripture seldom mentions sleep in a positive light. Proverbs 20:13 says, *Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare.*

Proverbs 26:14 says,

"As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed." The mandate in Ephesians 5:14 is, *"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*

Mark, however, mentions the event when Jesus sleeps in the back of the boat during a terrible storm on the Sea of Galilee. This reference indicates that sleep is not necessarily bad, it is simply an unusual response during a storm. Storms at sea are seldom pleasant and passengers do not easily sleep because of the violent undulation of the boat. The same is true the night Jesus and His disciples were harangued by a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Fear and panic gripped the disciples, while rest and peace surrounded Jesus.

Recently, I heard a sermon by Bill Johnson of Bethel Church in Redding, California. He said that we will only have authority over the problems that we can sleep through. The areas where I have been tried by fire and stretched beyond measure are the areas where I have

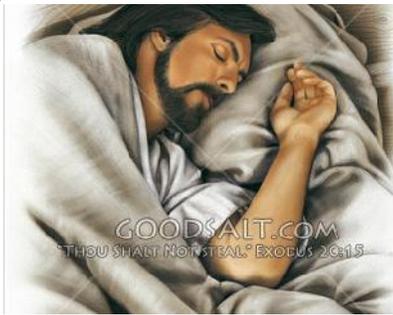
learned to trust God. It is these areas that I will have the greatest authority to stand and rebuke the winds and waves.

The Christian life is full of trials. Trials mark and measure our sanctification. To follow Jesus means that life becomes a spiritual construction zone. We discover God's consistency and faithfulness as we are tried within the crucible of life. The more I experience the consistency of God's behavior, the more I am apt to trust Him. The more I trust Him the more I am able to sleep in the back of the boat. It is then that I have the authority to call forth the atmosphere that is within me, changing the atmosphere that is around me (again, Bill Johnson).

Here is Jesus, Prince of Peace, asleep in the boat. When He awakes, He causes the atmosphere within Him to become the atmosphere surrounding Him. When a person is full of fear then fear spills out into the atmosphere around them. When a person exudes self doubt then self doubt extends to the atmosphere around them.

Jesus stands against the storm and commands the storm: *"Peace, be still."* He discloses His heart to the problem and the problem yields.

Before we can take authority over a problem area, we have to go through the crucible that teach us how to endure the stresses of the trials. We each go through seasons in the wilderness that teach us how to exchange our slave mentality for one of being *more than conquerors*. It is these seasons that forge our character



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We cannot become like Jesus unless we spend time in the wilderness. It is not enough to merely go *into* the wilderness. Israel went into the wilderness and many died there. We must go *through* the wilderness. I



remember when the Lord He wanted me to learn how to *count it all joy when I encountered various trials* (James 1:2). I was not happy about it, yet I

knew that I had to learn this in order to have authority over storms that blew through my life. Up until that point I considered myself *successful* if I simply *endured* the trial. I would “white knuckle” it, filled with anxiety, asking everyone I knew to pray (*which is generally an evangelical way of asking others if they can help*), worrying some more, and then finally finishing the trial, barely making it, panting for air.

This, however, is not sleeping in the back of the boat. The Lord wants His loved ones to be iron clad in our areas of weaknesses. When we go through storms, He does not want us to be a bundle of nerves, stressed beyond measure. Instead, Jesus wants us to discover that His track record is one of faithfulness so that we can relax and even rest while the storm rages around us, maybe even sleeping a bit ourselves. His end result for us is that the atmosphere within us becomes the atmosphere outside of us.

Blessings, Father Scott +



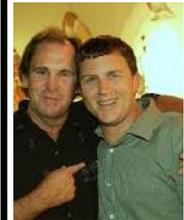
If you have a smart phone you may want to invest .99 and buy the **Daily Audio Bible** app. There are daily readings from Scripture read by an Anglican (AMIA) priest who reads through the Bible in a year. It is a great way to hear the Word while you dress in the morning or drive your daily commute.

June 22-The Rev. Alan Reid Father Alan has been a friend of this house for a number of years. He lives in Prattville, AL, is married to Teresa, and they have one daughter and one granddaughter. We look forward to having Alan again with us at Grace while Father Scott is away.



Cleaning Schedule
 June 15-Alan Pate
 June 22-Ovie Moore
 June 29-Scott Davis
 July 6-Cheri Kriner
 Call Becky Johnson if you would like to help- 928-2545.

June 15-The Rev. Dave Hope Father Dave will preach and celebrate while Father Scott is away. Dave has not always been a priest. During the '70's and 80's he was a founding member and bass player for the rock band KANSAS. The Lord has brought Dave a long way from those days to now. Dave is married to his wife, Diana, and they have a grown daughter. They live in Destin, FL.



Mission: Indonesia Jeremy Skinner, son of Karen and Wick Skinner, and his wife, Tina, will soon begin raising support to move to Indonesia as missionaries with the Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM). The Skinners will begin as missionary associates. This means that they will work in Indonesia for a year, return to the States for a year, and then return to Indonesia for a four year ministry term. Jeremy's website is jeremyskinner.com. It will soon show you how you can be a part of and support this work of bringing souls to Christ in Indonesia. Blessings on the Skinners!

