



HARDSHIP:
Lessons from a Boat
Mark 6:46-52

Some Lessons Must Be Learned in Life

- If we learn these lessons, we mature and move forward.**
- If we don't learn these lessons, we will repeat them.**
- If we refuse to learn these lessons, we will be stunted.**

Hardship Happens

Mark 6:46-48

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars because the wind was against them.

Hardship Happens

- **Jesus presses His disciples.**
- **Jesus presses His disciples to their limits and beyond.**

Jesus Is Greater than Our Hardship

- **“I AM God.”**
- **“I AM with YOU.”**

Jesus Is Greater than Our Hardship

Mark 6:49-50

... but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Jesus Is Greater than Our Hardship

- “I AM God.”
- “I AM with YOU.”
- “Have courage.”

Jesus Is Greater than Our Hardship

Mark 6:51-52

Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.