



# Contrary Winds

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- **The wind is contrary to the disciples.**
- **Ever face contrary winds?**
  - **Sickness/Grief? Financial setbacks? Family problems? Disappointments? Rudeness?**
- **Christians are not immune.**
  - **Health and wealth?**
  - **Might be the opposite. Heb. 10:32-24; Matt. 10:34-37**

# God Sees

- **Mark 6:45-48**
- **What a comforting thought!**
- **Psalm 139:1-6; Matthew 10:29, 30**
- **Ever feel alone?**
- **John 16:32. You're not alone.**
  - **2 Tim. 4:16-18; Heb. 13:5, 6**

# **Trials Promote Growth**

- **Matt. 14:25.** It appears Jesus allowed them to struggle for some time.
- **Why?**
  - **2 Cor. 12:7-10**
  - **Romans 5:3-5**
- **Makes us appreciate heaven a bit more.**

# No Barrier is Too Big

- **Despite the wind, waves, and water Jesus walked to them. Matt. 14:25**
- **God can help!**
- **God may help by relieving us of the problem or by giving us the strength.**
- **Daniel 3:14-18; Heb. 4:14-16**
- **Matt. 14:32. Be still, my soul.**

# Matthew 14:33

- **Worship is the appropriate reaction.**
- **Reflect on the trials you have endured.**
  - **Did you praise Him?**
- **He can bring us through the storm.**
  - **Place your faith in Him.**

# Conclusion

- **God sees, He cares, and is able to help through life's difficult moments.**
  - **Don't give up!**
- **As powerful as He is, He will not save you apart from your own will.**
- **If you haven't already done so, why not begin to follow Him today?**