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I Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

Get Out of the Boat

We are still at the Sea of Galilee, with Jesus, with the disciples, and with the crowds, but now Jesus does get away for a little while, to pray and to renew his energy. Sending the disciples home, back to Capernaum, they sail without Jesus. And then it happens, a sudden storm rises up, whipped by the winds howling across from the desert sands, it is brutal and scary.



Sometimes we feel battered by the waves. We feel the wind against us, and we wonder how I am going to get through this difficult time. You may be thinking that right now in the midst of this pandemic.

The Good News! We are not alone, we are in this together, as the saying goes. And we are not alone because Jesus is leading us, pushing us, guiding us. In the gospel Jesus walks across the waters to the terrified disciples. And Peter decides to “get out of the boat”. A foolish thing to do. Yet he is encouraged by Jesus to do just that. “To get out of the boat”!

We have been forced “to get out of our boats” during this season of pandemic. To try new ways of worship, to connect with each other in virtual zoom chats, to look for ways to study and cling to the Word of God. To get out of our boats is a good thing, I believe because we need to “do church different”.

Now, what does that really mean? Perhaps you might ponder that question. Come up with a list of what you think we should be about in our shared ministry. What do you miss? What would you add? And, how might we transform this ministry. It’s time to “get out of the boat”!