ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES
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Most everyone is familiar with the account of Jesus calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee. What a thrilling and heart stopping time that must have been for His disciples! What an awesome moment it was when the sea was quiet and calm again!

In the large picture, one phrase in Mark 4:36 could easily be overlooked. The Bible says, "There were with Him other little ships." Have you ever considered what was happening inside the little ships? While the storm was raging what were these followers of Jesus thinking?

One might have said, "I can't see the ship where Jesus is. We are doomed because I can't see to navigate." Another might have said, "If I can turn my ship around I'll go back to the other side." On another ship someone cried out, "Our sails are down and we've lost our oars. I suppose that's it for us." The men on another ship were complaining the ship was overloaded from the start. One poor man may have dropped to his knees but instead of praying was thinking, I'm in this ship alone with no one here to help me. I might have known better than to start this trip alone. Finally, a distraught captain thought, I knew this was too risky for my little weak ship. Now I've lost my ship and everything I own.

Suddenly the wind stopped blowing and the waves lapped gently against the sides of their ships. When the occupants of the "little ships" lifted their eyes toward the guide ship they could see Jesus standing with outstretched arms. Then they knew He had been there all along.

At some time in all our lives we will find ourselves in a raging storm. We can't seem to see our guide ship and we can't go forward or backward. We want to give up. Our sails are down and useless. We complain that our load is too heavy to carry. Maybe we feel all alone and no one seems to care or understand. It is then we can be assured He knows exactly where we are and is waiting for us to look up where He is waiting. He cares as much for each of us as He did for the "little ships".