

When You Are Powerless, Jesus Is Not

I just took all my financial information to my accountant who does my taxes. A few weeks ago I took my car to my mechanic to get it fixed. A couple of months ago, when my furnace went out, I called a heating and cooling company who sent out a tech to get it working again.

I'm sure you are like me. You're used to having professionals take care of stuff that you can't. But this Coronavirus is different. There is no medical researcher with a cure for this virus. There is no doctor you can go to get an immunization vaccine. The best the government can do is to recommend you limit contact with others. It's scary when you are on your own, and you feel helpless.

Jesus' disciples felt like that one day on the sea of Galilee when a furious storm came up so quickly the disciples had no time to make it to shore. Before they knew it, the rain was blowing sideways, the waves were crashing into their boat and over their boat, threatening to sink it. Now a handful of the 12 disciples were fishermen by trade, and had piloted boats in storms before. But they couldn't do anything in the face of a storm as violent as this one. Their panic turned into stark fear that they were not going to make it out of this alive.

But on that boat was Jesus. And standing up, he addressed the storm as if it was an unruly child, and said, "Quiet! Be Still!" And suddenly, the wind stopped blowing, the rain stopped falling, the waves stopped churning, and the once wildly rocking boat now glided calmly along the glassy surface of the sea.

Jesus has power you do not have. The power he has is the almighty power of God. And in this present health crisis which makes you feel so small and weak and helpless, he with you. He promised that when he said, "I am with you always to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

But Jesus is with you not only as the God who has almighty power- power over storms and power over viruses; more than that, he has the love to use that power to take care of you no matter what may come.

To see his love for you, fast forward to another day where this time it is Jesus who looks helpless. He is nailed to a cross, bleeding and gasping for breath, and surrounded by his enemies. Doesn't the Jesus who stilled that storm on the Sea of Galilee have the power to save himself? Absolutely. But he chooses not to use that power. He chooses to suffer like that. He chooses to die there. Because he is suffering and dying for you, charged with your sins, and paying for them with his suffering and death so you would never have to pay for them in this life or in hell. It is the power of love- love for you- that makes him willing to suffer and die like that for your forgiveness and for your eternal salvation.

So the Jesus who is your almighty God and your loving Savior will get you through this crisis. He will end this threat at the right time. And until then he will make sure you have what you need each day. And when it is time for your life on earth to end, he will be there too to take you to be with him in the perfect life of heaven forever.

Remember: No matter how helpless you may feel, you are never helpless with him by your side. And that is where he is today, and will be tomorrow and forever.