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That friend is TROUBLE

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When you feel Hopeless, Remember...

- **God could be leading you into the problem**
 - **Matthew 14:22** – Jesus *"insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side..."*
 - There seems to be a pattern for this in the relationship between God and His children.

- Israel and the Red Sea (**Exodus 13-14**)
 - Jesus in the wilderness (**Matthew 4**)
- The disciples were not in the storm because they were out of the will of God, but because they were in the will of God.
- Your storm is not beyond God's control.
- **God could be growing you.**
 - You develop muscles through use and pain, that is also how you grow spiritually.
 - **1 Peter 4:12-16**
 - Faith, like film, is developed best in the dark.
 - *"I walked a mile..."*
- **Jesus is aware of your trouble.**
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 - Jesus knows and understands the trouble we are in and intercedes for us.
 - Jesus is our High Priest before God.
 - **Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:23-26**
- **In your darkest hour, Jesus is there!**
 - Jesus is never late.
 - In the case of Jairus' daughter – **Mark 5**
 - In the case of Lazarus – **John 11**
 - Jesus always shows up at the right time.
- **There is nothing to fear when you have Jesus**
 - Jesus is the Great "I AM" **Exodus 3:13-14**
 - A declaration of power
 - A proclamation of presence
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 - When you are with Jesus, you are where you're supposed to be.
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