

JUNE 21, 2015



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JOB 38:1, 8–11

PSALM 107:23–24, 25–26, 28–29, 30–31

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14–17

MARK 4:35–41

REFLECTION

Have you ever watched a big storm roll in? It can be pretty awe-inspiring to see the clouds gather and feel the wind rise. There's a tension in the air just before the storm really hits. Then *boom*. The thunder cracks and lightning splits the sky. Wind-driven rain comes hammering down. Nature can be pretty frightening. But, then, so can life. Sometimes the storms of our lives are just like that. We see the clouds gathering as friends stop getting along or family members have conflicts. We feel the tension building and then it breaks. We are caught up in the storm of conflict or loss, hurt or illness. In the Gospel, Mark tells the story of a real storm, not a metaphorical one, but the lesson applies to both kinds. Call on Jesus and he will help you get through any of life's storms.



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CAN DO"

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ACTION

In today's Gospel, the sea represents chaos. In the First Reading, God reminds Job that he is the creator and Jesus, like the Father, has power over the storm and has no fear of it. Think about the storms you have in your life right now—with family or friends, within yourself—and invite Jesus to calm them.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Talking about the weather—what is the biggest storm you've ever seen?
- Talking about conflict in relationships—what's the biggest storm you've ever seen?