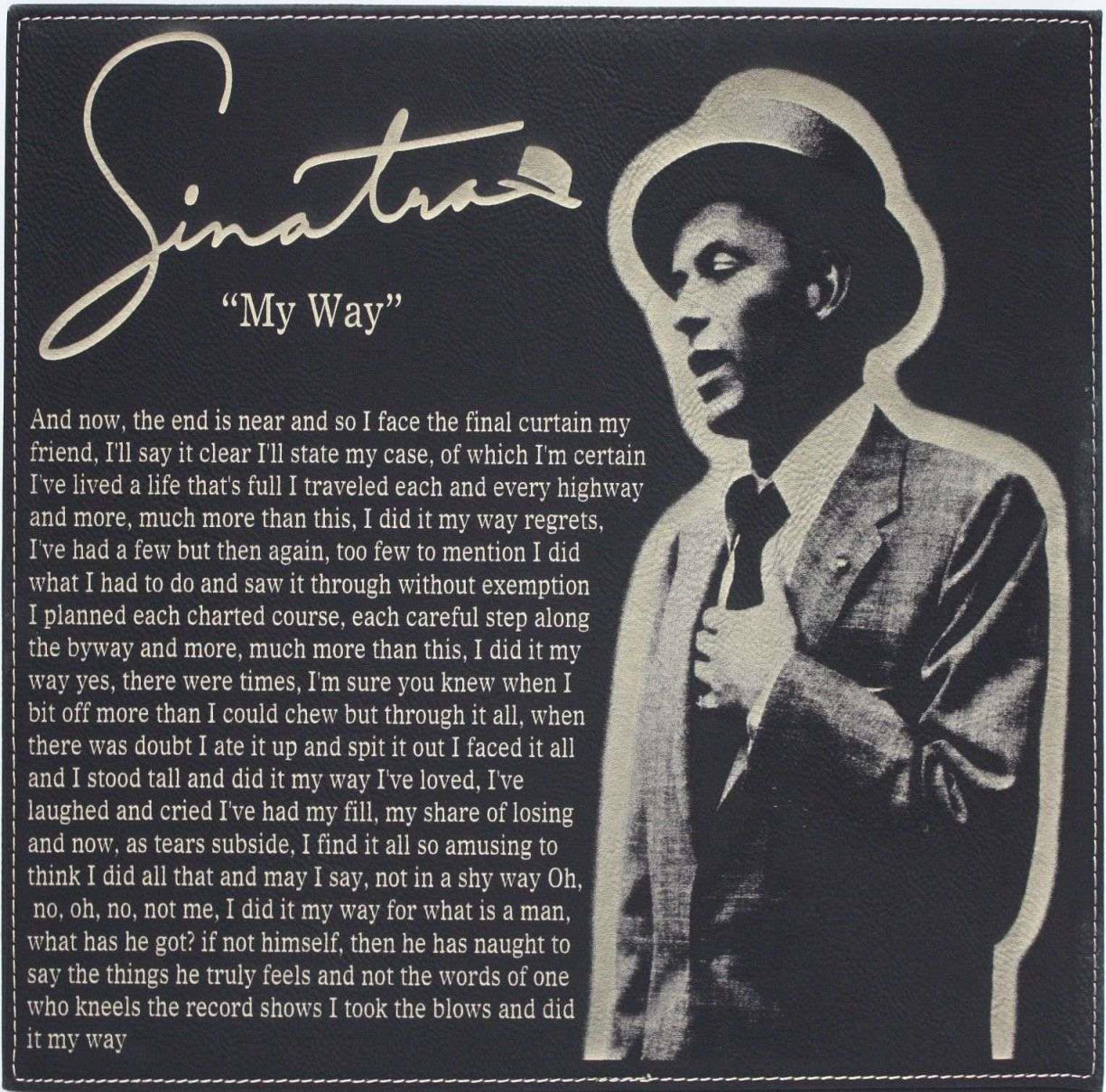


THE WAY THROUGH THE STORM

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* Non-justifiable defensive & unacceptable plea in courts of men or God.

WE MUST ALL DO IT *GOD'S WAY*

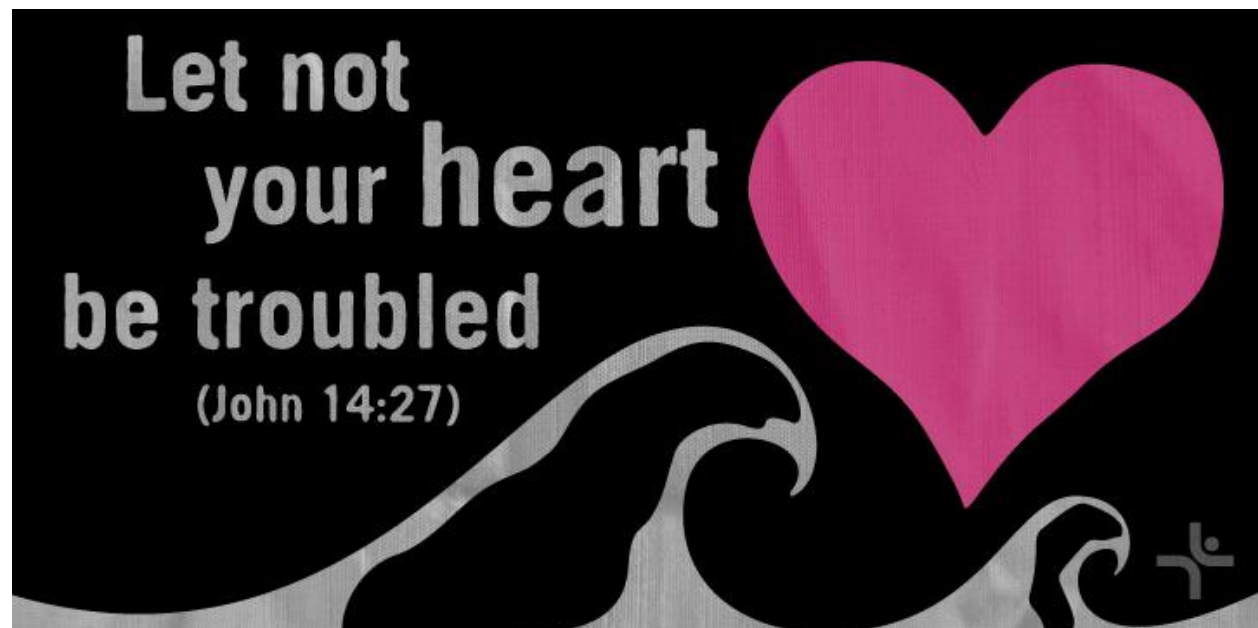
Upper Room Farewell Discourse @John 13:1-17

Mark 9: 33-37 - The Apostles had previously disputed among themselves which of them would be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus had settled the question answering that those who would be first would instead be last all the while elevating in comparison the innocence of childhood.

John 13: 1-17 - Jesus expounds in this final Upper Room Discourse developing on His answer to their previous question as to apostolic greatness - demonstrating by ceremonial foot-washing the lesson of humility. In five-step Jesus acts out in a comparison complementary to what the Apostle Paul theologically applies in **Philippians 2: 5-11**.

The remainder of the Upper Room Conversation can be categorized as a Question & Answer Session of Two Asked & Three Unasked Questions.

In John 14: 1-4 Jesus answers Peter's Question of John 13: 36 - "Lord, where are you going?" In John 14: 6 Jesus answers the Apostle Thomas' question of John 14: 5 - "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"



Upper Room Farewell Discourse @John 14:1-6

"Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also
in me. There is more than enough
room in my Father's home.
If it were not so, would I have told
you that I go to prepare a
place for you? And if I
go and prepare a place for you
I will come again and will
take you to myself, that
where I am you may be also.
And you know the way to where I
am going" Thomas said to him,
"Lord, we do not know where you are
going. How can we know the way?"
Jesus said to him, "I am the way,
and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
John 14:1-6

JESUS CHRIST PREPARED "THE WAY"

The Hebrew Concept of "The Way" - The Way = The Law

The Old Testament Law Pointed to Christ as "The Way."

Acts 11: 26 - Disciples Called Christians First @ Antioch

Although the Antiochene School of Theology Approached Scriptural Interpretation With Literal Emphasis Rather Than Spiritual Meanings Not Evident From The Text & The Antioch Church Credited With Preserving The Original Bible Transcript
THE FIRST CENTURY JEWISH & GENTILE WORLD DID NOT APPLY THE ANTIOCHENE DESIGNATION.

DURING THE EARLY GROWTH YEARS "CHRISTIAN" WAS THE IDENTIFICATION APPLIED WITHIN GROUP - BUT - FOR THOSE DAILY INTERACTIONS WITHOUT THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY - THE MOST POPULAR GENTILE GROUP PHRASE OF CULTURAL REFERENCE FOR EARLY CHRISTIANS WAS "PEOPLE OF THE WAY"

JOHN 14: 1-6 - *AUGMENTED* - "PEOPLE OF THE WAY"

JOHN 14: 1-6 - *DEVELOPING* @ "OVERCOMERS"

OVERCOMERS ARE NOT TEMPEST TOSSED TROUBLED SOULS. THEY ARE CONVICTED:

- 1. Our resources are greater than our troubles.**
- 2. Jesus Christ is Master of all our circumstances.**
- 3. God is our Refuge & Jesus is Lord of the Storm!**

WAY THROUGH FOR APOSTLES



In the preceding verses where Jesus made reference to the many mansions in his Father's house and to his disciples he said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Then he made them a promise saying: "I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, (there) you may be also."

Metaphors of Jesus: The Way, the Truth & Life

The New Testament teaches that the Christian is a pilgrim on his way to glory. He is seeking a better country, a heavenly one. But without any direction, the Christian knows not how to go. But God speaks through His Son in this age leading in the way that leads to life. To say that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life is the most comprehensive of all claims (**John 14:6**).

1. **Jesus said: "I am the Way."** Hundreds of years before this the Psalmist said: "Teach me thy way, O Lord" (Ps. 27:11; 86:11). Moses told the Israelites that they must not turn to the right or the left, but must walk in the way God had commanded them (Deut. 31:29). Isaiah heard God say: "This is the way, walk in it" (Isa. 30:21). This was the promise of a way of holiness in which nothing unclean could exist, and which was so clear that not even a fool could miss it (Isa. 35:8). Disciples of Christ, Christians, as a whole were first referred as "The Way" (Acts 9:2; 19:9). And the letter to the Hebrews speaks of the new and living way which Jesus opened for us to the presence of the Father (Heb. 10:19). But Jesus' claim goes beyond any of these thoughts. Notice that Jesus did not say, "I show you the way" or "I open for you the way." He said, "I am the way." If someone approaches us and asks us how to get to a certain place we can tell him with specific instructions as to how to get there, or we can give him a map, or we can do the best thing by going with him to be sure he reaches his destination. In the same way, Jesus did not only show us the way, or tell us the way only but also went with us. No man can fail to find the Way as long as he is following Jesus.

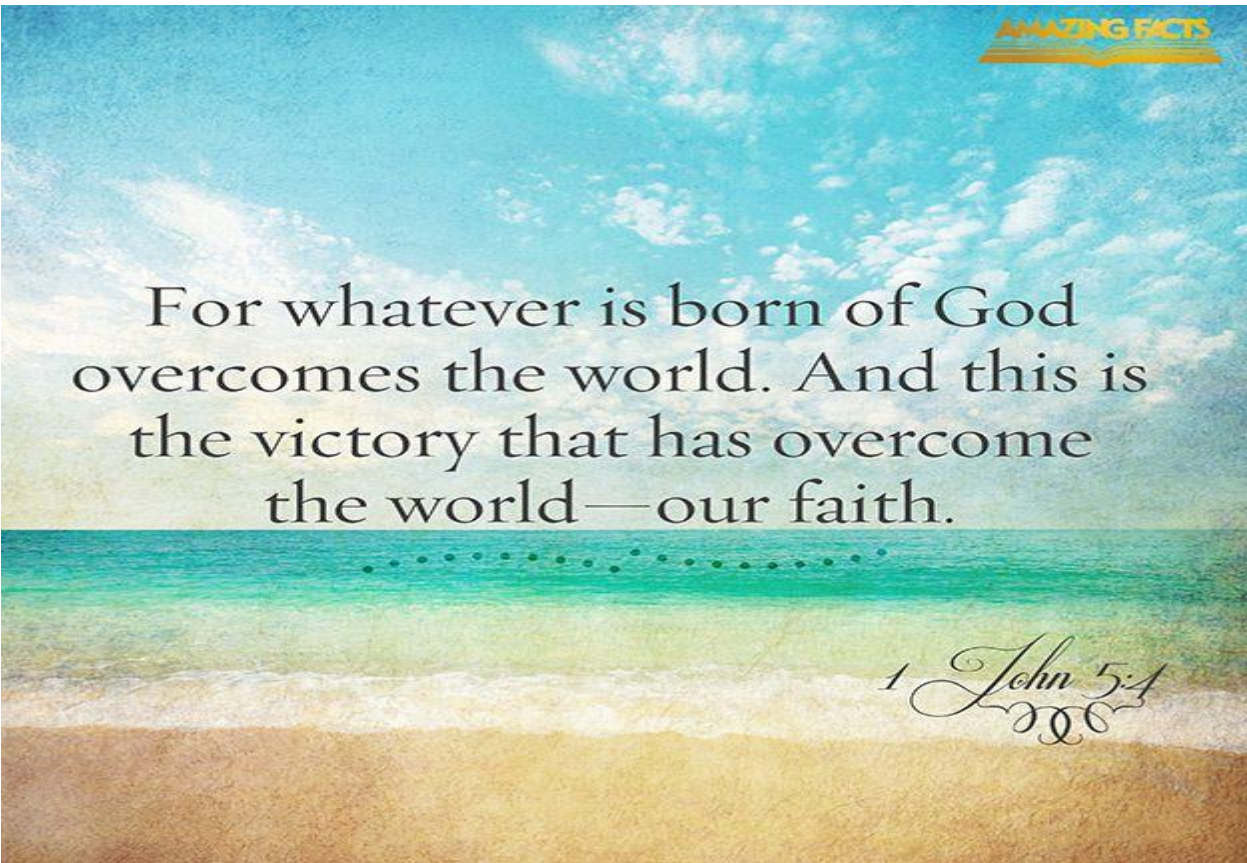
2. **Jesus said, "I am the Truth."** Jesus is most certainly reliable and genuine, but the truth is not simply something which is intellectual or something to be known, it is also moral, something which is also to be done. John said, "He who does what is true comes to the light" (Jn. 3:21). "If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth" (1 Jn. 1:6). We can see how much greater this truth is than intellectual truth. This truth enables man to live the good life. In fact, truth and goodness are one. To say that Jesus is the truth is to say that He is the perfect pattern of life as it should be lived.

3. **Jesus said, "I am the Life."** This can be taken at least two ways. It can refer to physical life since John said of Jesus: "All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (Jn. 1:3, 4). The Word, Jesus, the pre-existent Christ brought life into the world. But even more it refers to eternal life. Jesus is the creator of life, and Jesus is the re-creator of life. He brought life in the beginning and He came to make life new. When Jesus offers eternal life it is evident that it means more than life which exists forever. For it to be a mere extension of life would be more a curse than anything else. Both quality and length enter into it. The life that Jesus brings to men is the life of God—living a life of godliness now (quality) and then being thus rewarded by being allowed to enter the gates of heaven forever (length). Remember Jesus' words: "No one comes to the Father but by me." Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Being "the way," Jesus is our medium of access to the Father, as Paul so vividly taught in Ephesians 2:18. Being "the truth," he stands opposed to all falsehood, either secular or religious. Being "the life," he is its Author and Source, and being also "the truth," he has stated the conditions upon which life is to be attained.

A religious painting depicting Jesus Christ on the right, wearing a white robe and a dark red cloak, standing on a beach. He has his right hand extended towards a man on the left who is kneeling in prayer with his hands raised. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with mountains and a bright sky. The text "I HAVE OVECOME THE WORLD" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters on the upper left portion of the image.

I HAVE OVECOME
THE WORLD

A scenic painting of a beach with turquoise water and a blue sky with white clouds. The text "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." is centered in a black serif font. A small logo "AMAZING FACTS" is in the top right corner. The Bible verse "1 John 5:4" is written in cursive in the bottom right corner.

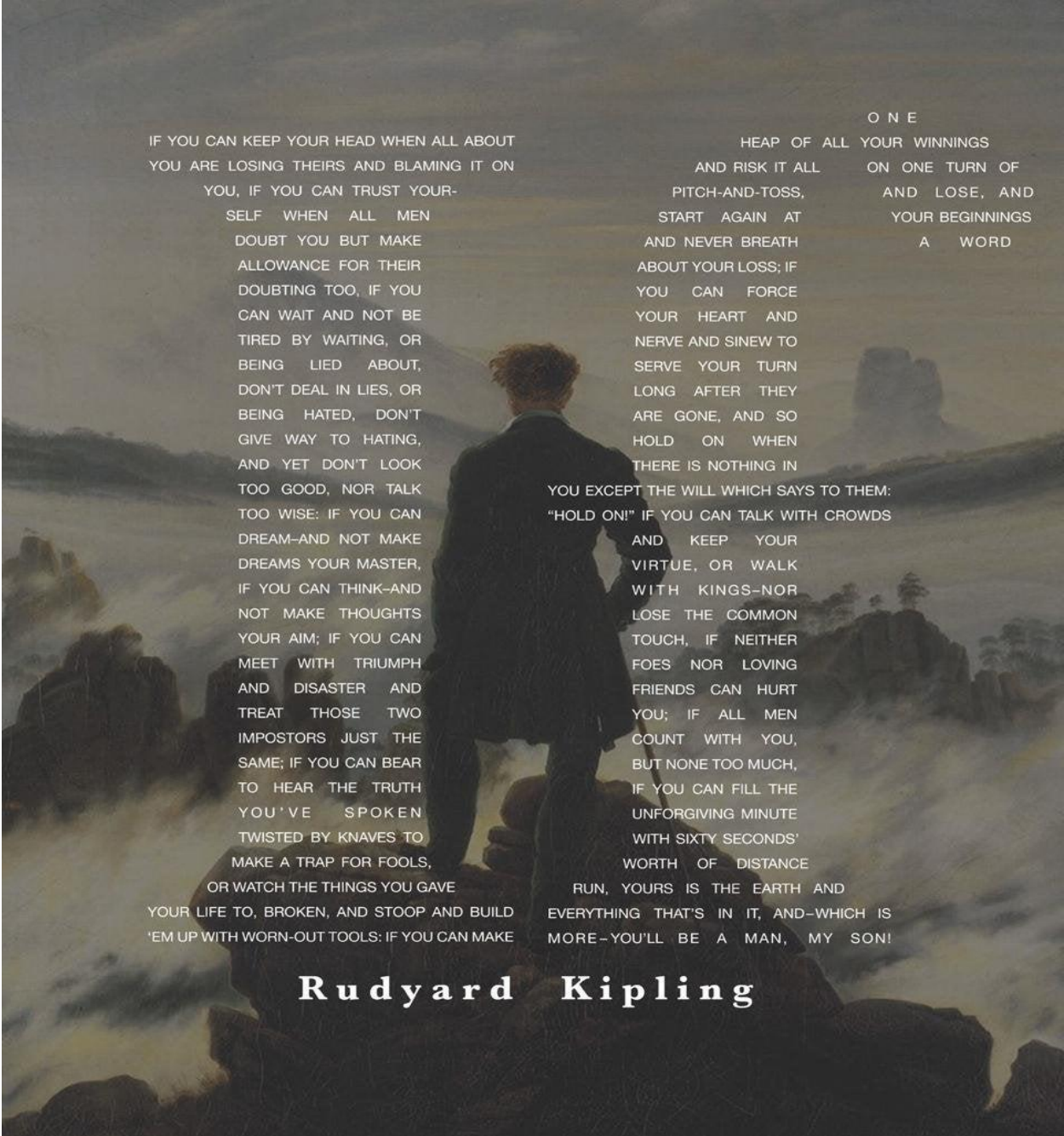
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1 John 5:4

OVERCOMERS HAVE A HEAVENLY POISE





IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR HEAD WHEN ALL ABOUT
YOU ARE LOSING THEIRS AND BLAMING IT ON
YOU, IF YOU CAN TRUST YOUR-

SELF WHEN ALL MEN

DOUBT YOU BUT MAKE

ALLOWANCE FOR THEIR

DOUBTING TOO, IF YOU

CAN WAIT AND NOT BE

TIRED BY WAITING, OR

BEING LIED ABOUT,

DON'T DEAL IN LIES, OR

BEING HATED, DON'T

GIVE WAY TO HATING,

AND YET DON'T LOOK

TOO GOOD, NOR TALK

TOO WISE: IF YOU CAN

DREAM-AND NOT MAKE

DREAMS YOUR MASTER,

IF YOU CAN THINK-AND

NOT MAKE THOUGHTS

YOUR AIM; IF YOU CAN

MEET WITH TRIUMPH

AND DISASTER AND

TREAT THOSE TWO

IMPOSTORS JUST THE

SAME; IF YOU CAN BEAR

TO HEAR THE TRUTH

YOU'VE SPOKEN

TWISTED BY KNAVES TO

MAKE A TRAP FOR FOOLS,

OR WATCH THE THINGS YOU GAVE

YOUR LIFE TO, BROKEN, AND STOOP AND BUILD

'EM UP WITH WORN-OUT TOOLS: IF YOU CAN MAKE

O N E

HEAP OF ALL YOUR WINNINGS

AND RISK IT ALL ON ONE TURN OF

PITCH-AND-TOSS, AND LOSE, AND

START AGAIN AT YOUR BEGINNINGS

AND NEVER BREATH A WORD

ABOUT YOUR LOSS; IF

YOU CAN FORCE

YOUR HEART AND

NERVE AND SINEW TO

SERVE YOUR TURN

LONG AFTER THEY

ARE GONE, AND SO

HOLD ON WHEN

THERE IS NOTHING IN

YOU EXCEPT THE WILL WHICH SAYS TO THEM:

"HOLD ON!" IF YOU CAN TALK WITH CROWDS

AND KEEP YOUR

VIRTUE, OR WALK

WITH KINGS-NOR

LOSE THE COMMON

TOUCH, IF NEITHER

FOES NOR LOVING

FRIENDS CAN HURT

YOU; IF ALL MEN

COUNT WITH YOU,

BUT NONE TOO MUCH,

IF YOU CAN FILL THE

UNFORGIVING MINUTE

WITH SIXTY SECONDS'

WORTH OF DISTANCE

RUN, YOURS IS THE EARTH AND

EVERYTHING THAT'S IN IT, AND-WHICH IS

MORE-YOU'LL BE A MAN, MY SON!

Rudyard Kipling

**& IF YOU NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF
THE HEAVENLY PRIZE YOU WILL
BE LIFTED FROM THE TEMPEST!**



“WHAT SORT OF MAN IS THIS,
THAT EVEN THE WINDS AND
SEA OBEY HIM?”



Matthew 8:23-27

What I see in this story, however, is that the storm is not the point. The storm is real and terrifying—the disciples believe that they will not survive—but the point is not about surviving the storm. The point is about who is in the boat with them.

Sometimes He calms the storm
with a whisper peace be still.

He can settle any sea
But it doesn't mean He will.
Sometimes He holds us close

**AND LETS THE WIND
AND WAVES GO WILD.**

Sometimes He calms the storm
And other times He calms his child.

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Sometimes God
calms the storm.
Sometimes he lets the
storm rage..
And he calms
His Child

