

## **A reading from the book of II Corinthians 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-41**

**6** As we work together with him,<sup>[a]</sup> we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. **2** For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! **3** We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, **4** but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, **5** beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; **6** in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, **7** truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; **8** in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, **9** as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, **10** as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

**11** We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. **12** There is no restriction in our affections but only in yours. **13** In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

### **Jesus Stills a Storm**

**35** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” **36** And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. **37** A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” **39** And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. **40** He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

*“The Word of God for the people of God, thanks be to God.” OR “Here ends the reading.”*