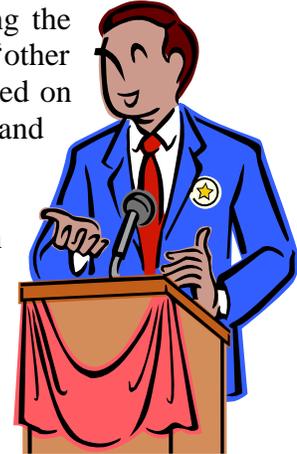


SERMON SUMMARY

Date: February 12, 2006	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Amos Jones Jr.	Reference: St. Mark 4: 35-41
Topic: Hearing God Through The Journey – As Impelled People	

Even though Jesus began his ministry in Galilee, it was always his intention to carry the message of salvation outside of his community. Apart from bringing the message to the Jews first, Jesus was also on a mission to minister to ‘other sheep’ outside of Galilee. Jesus also expected that legacy to be carried on after his ascension, as seen when he commanded his disciples to ‘go and teach all nations.’

In *verse 35* of the text, we see Jesus going over to the ‘other side.’ In this particular case, Jesus was going across the lake to bring deliverance to a demon-possessed man, and not even the stormy conditions was going to deter him from accomplishing what he set out to do. Today, we as Christians need to go beyond the confines of our comfort zone and reach out to people, especially to those who, like the demon-possessed man in the text, would be considered as outcasts by our society...the drug-addicts, the imprisoned, the oppressed.



There were other ships with Jesus (*verse 36*), but their intentions may have been different. Jesus’ intention was to heal, to give life and to make whole. Others may have had a different motive. It is imperative that our objectives in life are guided by the Holy Spirit and not by our own personal objective. In the New Testament, the boat is representative of the church and the waves are hindrances. Hindrances very often come about to prevent the mission of God from reaching fruition.

Jesus however was not disturbed by the storm. That didn’t bother him. What awoke Jesus was the cry of the disciples. God is concerned about his children and he hears their cry. It was God’s concern for humanity that led to the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus, so that mankind can be reconciled to him. God calls us to be his missionaries here on earth. Once we are in obedience to His will, we can rest assured that he is in the boat with us, and though the storms will come (and they will come), we will prevail and get to the other side.