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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:  
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION  
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).

MONTHLY FOCUS  
LET OUR CHILDREN GROW

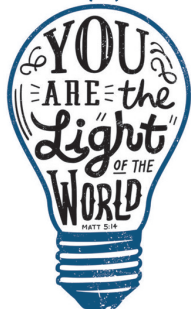
## I Am Present in Every Storm

Imagine being in the boat that is about to capsize during a storm. The Gospel speaks of this story today where the great windstorm arose and the waves were breaking into the boat. We are told that Jesus, human as he is, is asleep at the stern, his head on a cushion.



**“It’s not enough to love the children, it is necessary that they are aware they are loved.”**

*St John Bosco*



There is a reality about this story that is baffling. Jesus was asleep when the situation around Him appeared chaotic. That’s what made the disciples shout out, “do you not care that we are perishing?”

Often, the gravity of our situation may be alarming to us, even frightening. We may be sick, we may be broke, lonely and crushed and there may even seem to be no hope. There are such storms all around us and we cannot seem to steer our lives properly. We are rudderless and clueless to even begin. Sometimes, we may feel Jesus missing from our midst and we cannot feel His presence.

Like the disciples, we cannot bring our head around the fact that Jesus is always in our boat, no matter the circumstance and outcome. Time and again, He has lifted us out of these dire situations. Time and again, **He is urging us to stay close to Him as He remains close to us.**

The “ball is in our court” to reach out to Him, to call Him, to trust in Him. Stories abound about situations where Jesus steps in at the most crucial moment. We know that our lives take its course and some things must happen. But we do not call out to Jesus only when the storms creep into our lives. We have to depend on Him every day and in every way.

He is waiting for us. In our troubles and trials – the storms of our lives - He awaits with us. He is in our boat. He is always with us. Especially as we continue to place our faith in Him. We may not be able to prevent storms from lashing at our lives but Jesus certainly knows how to save us in a storm. In such time, Jesus also tells us what he told his disciples, “Why are you so afraid. Have you still no faith?” May we trust Jesus at all times.✦

### SCRIPTURE of the DAY

- Job 38: 1, 8-11
- Psalms 106: 23-26, 28-31
- 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17
- Mark 4: 35-41