



# “CHRIST CAN STILL STORMS”

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MARK 4:35-41 BIBLE STUDY

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CONTEXT  
THE IDENTITY OF JESUS


- [The] beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God –  
(Mk 1:1, AT)




CONTEXT  
THE KING TEACHES  
ABOUT THE KINGDOM



- Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that **he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake**, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. (Mk 4:1, NIV)



MARK 4:35  
THE OTHER SIDE  
(OF THE "SEA" OF GALILEE)



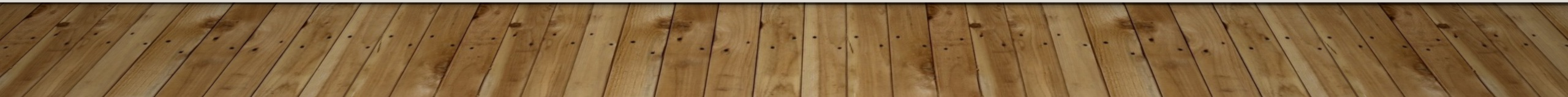
- Then, on that day, when evening had come, He says to them, "Let's go across to the other side." (Mk 4:35, AT)



MARK 4:36  
LET'S TAKE  
A RIDE



- And, leaving the crowd, they take Him along as He was in the boat. And other boats were there with Him. (Mk 4:36, AT)

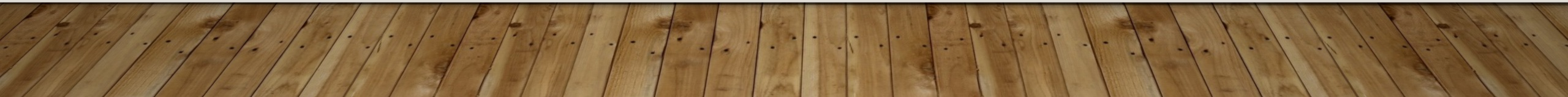





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SUDDENLY,  
A GREAT STORM

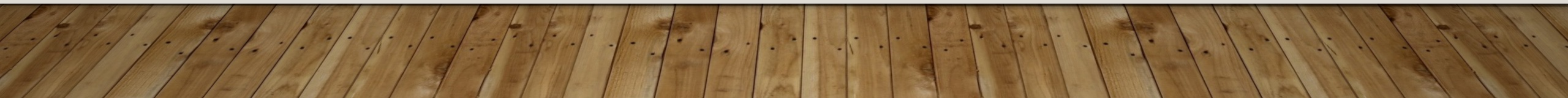


- Then a great windstorm comes. And the waves were breaking onto the boat, so that it's now being filled. (Mk 4:37, AT)





MARK 4:38  
A LITTLE HELP  
HERE?!

- And He was in the stern sleeping on a cushion. And they wake Him and say to Him, "Teacher, is it not a concern to you that we are perishing?" (Mk 4:38, AT)
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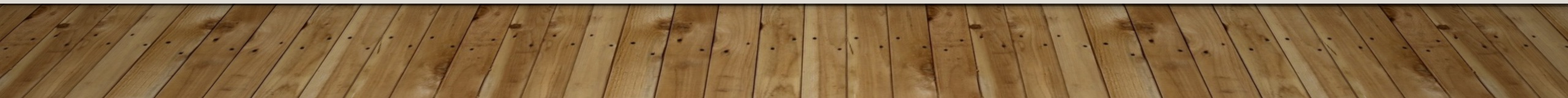


MARK 4:38  
SLEEP IN  
HEAVENLY PEACE?



In peace I will **lie down and sleep**,  
for **you alone, LORD [YHWH]**,  
make me dwell in safety.

(Ps 4:8, NIV)







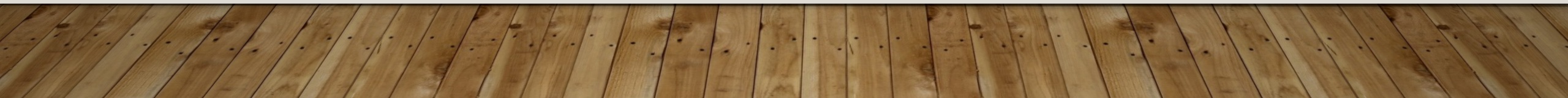
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23 Then you will go on your way in safety,  
and your foot will not stumble.

24 **When you lie down, you will not be afraid;**  
**when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.**

(Pr 3:23-24, NIV)

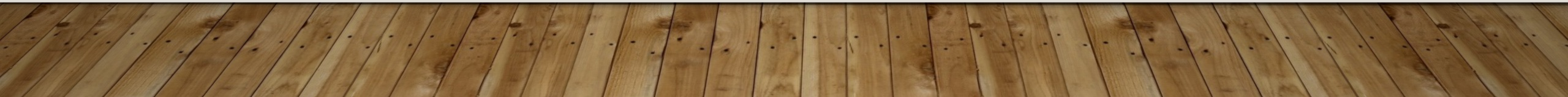





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SLEEP IN  
HEAVENLY PEACE?




- 1 Unless the LORD [YHWH] builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.  
Unless the LORD [YHWH] watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.
- 2 In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat—  
for he **grants sleep to those he loves.** (Ps 127:2, NIV)







MARK 4:38  
JESUS VS.  
JONAH?



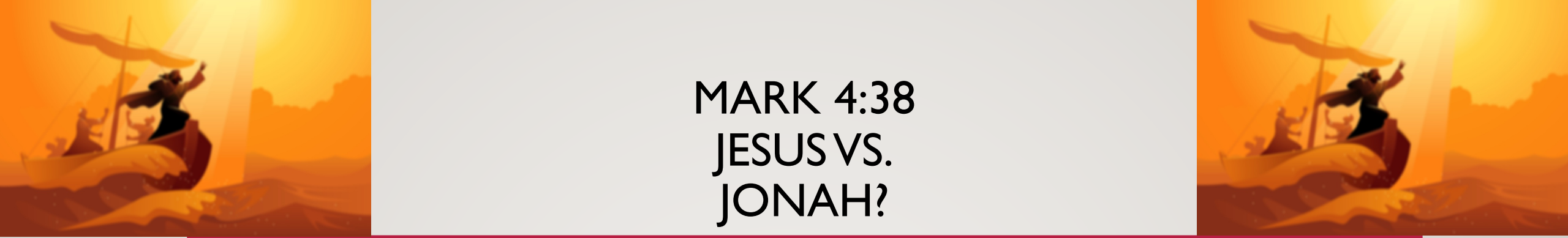
- 1 The word of the LORD [YHWH] came to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and **preach against it**, because its **wickedness** has come up before me.” (Jon 1:1-2, NIV)



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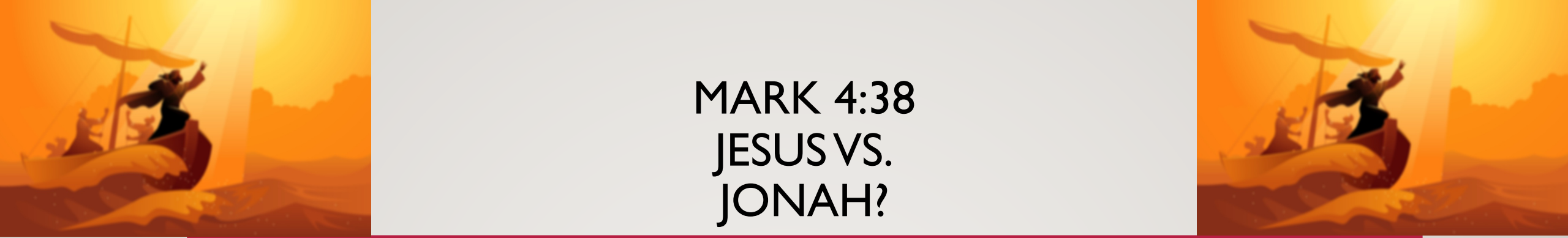


- and saying: "The [appointed] time has been fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has come near. **Repent and believe in the Gospel!**" (Mk 1:15, AT)




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- But Jonah ran away from the LORD [YHWH] and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a **ship** bound for that port. After paying the fare, he **went aboard and sailed** for Tarshish to flee from the LORD [YHWH]. (Jon 1:3, NIV)




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- 4 Then the LORD [YHWH] sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. 5 All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, **where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.** 6 The captain went to him and said, “**How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.**” (Jon 1:4-6, NIV)




MARK 4:39  
REBUKE,  
MUZZLING



- Then, after being awakened, He rebuked [ἐπιτιμάω | *epitimaō*] the wind and said to the sea, "Be quiet! Shut up! [φιμόω | *phimoō*]" And the wind subsided [κοπάζω | *kopazō*] and there was a great calm [on the water]. (Mk 4:39, AT)




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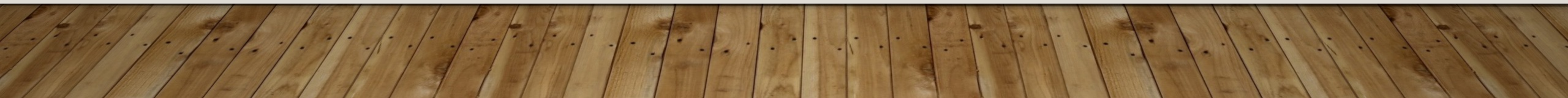


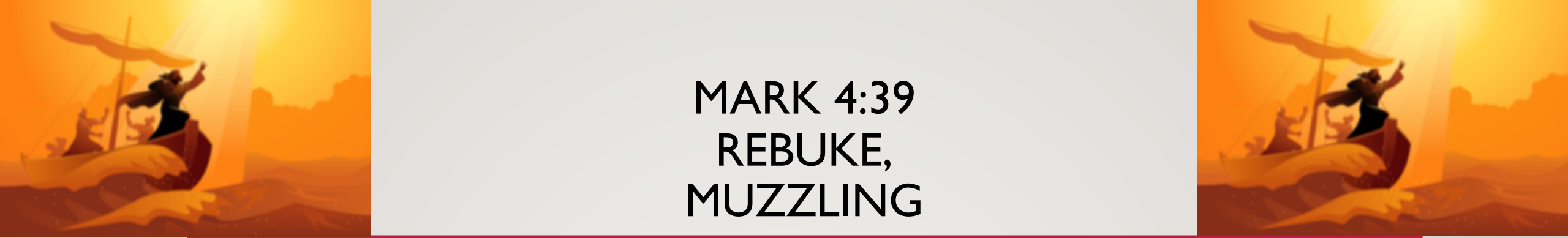
- 11 And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” 12 And he **strictly ordered** [ἐπιτιμάω | *epitimaō*] them not to make him known. (Mk 3:11-12, NRSV)





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- And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he **rebuked** [ἐπιτιμάω | *epitimaō*] the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” (Mk 9:25, ESV)
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- And Jesus **rebuked** [ἐπιτιμάω | *epitimaō*] him saying, "**Shut up!** [φιμόω | *phimoō*] **Come out of him!**" (Mk 1:25, AT)



MARK 4:39  
THE STRONGER  
ONE



- And he would proclaim saying, "After me comes the **Stronger One**, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to bend down to untie." (Mk 1:7, AT)

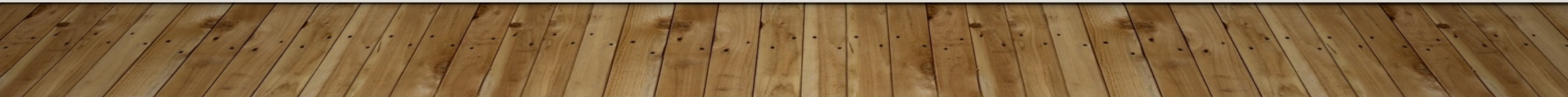




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- And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by **Beelzebul!** By the **prince of demons** he is driving out **demons.**” (Mk 3:22, NIV)

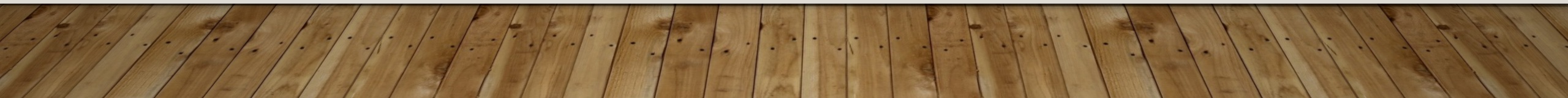




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- 23 So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: **“How can Satan drive out Satan?**  
24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. (Mk 3:23-25, NIV)

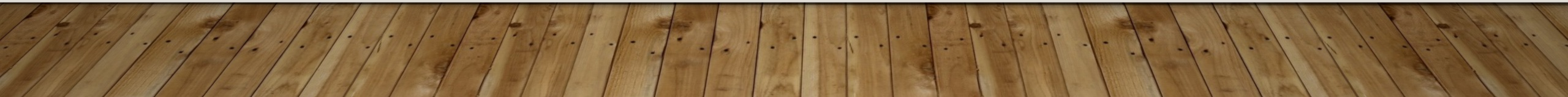


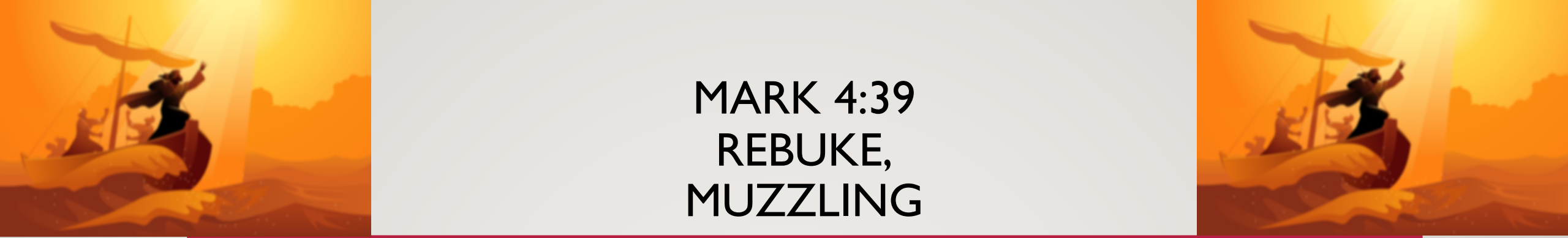


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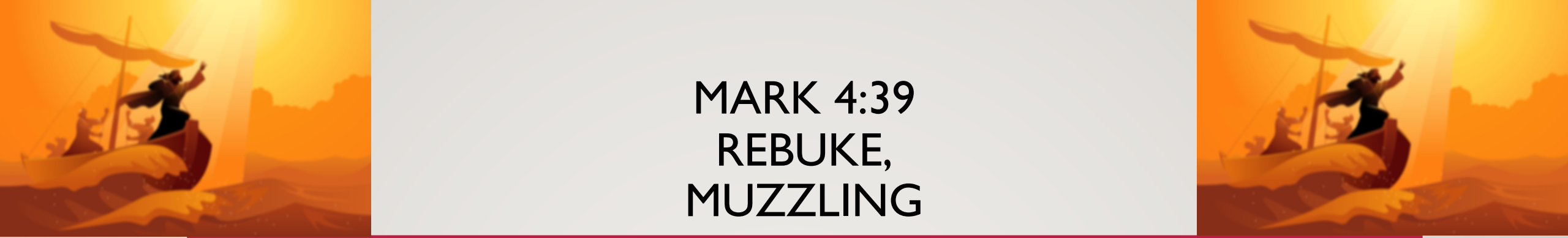
- 26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. 27 In fact, no one can enter a **strong man's house** without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the **strong man's house**. (Mk 3:26-27, NIV)





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- 17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 18 For Scripture says, “Do not **muzzle** [φιμώω | *phimoō*] an ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” (1 Tim 5:17-18, NIV)



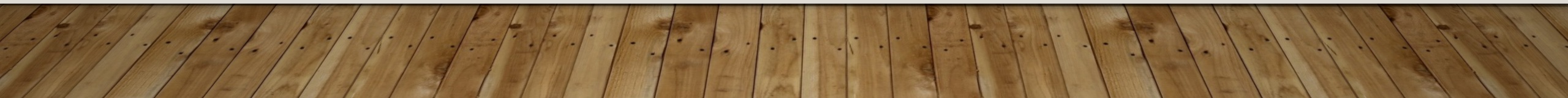
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MARK 4:40  
CHRISTIAN  
COWARDS?


- And He said to them, "Why are you cowardly? Do you not yet have faith?" (Mk 4:40, AT)
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MARK 4:41  
FILLED WITH A  
GREAT FEAR



- And they were filled with great fear and said to each other, "Who, then, is This – that even the wind and the sea obey [ὑπακούω | *hypakouō*] Him?" (Mk 4:41, AT)



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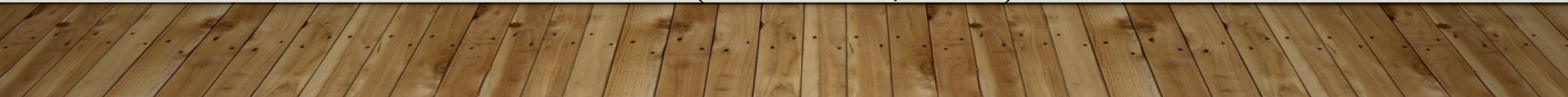
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5 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,  
God our Savior,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the **farthest seas**,

6 who formed the mountains by your power,  
having armed yourself with strength,

7 who **stilled the roaring of the seas**,  
**the roaring of their waves**,  
and the turmoil of the nations. (Ps 65:5-7, NIV)





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**You rule the raging of the sea;  
when its waves rise, you still them.**

**(Ps 89:9, ESV)**





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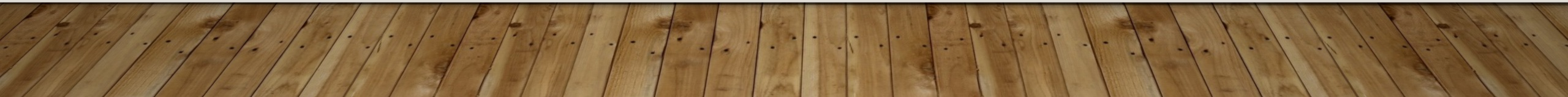


5 He set the earth on its foundations;  
it can never be moved.

6 You **covered it with the watery depths** as with a garment;  
the **waters** stood above the mountains.

7 But at your **rebuke** [LXX: ἐπιτίμησις | *epitimēsis*] the **waters fled**,  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

(Ps 104:5-7, NIV)





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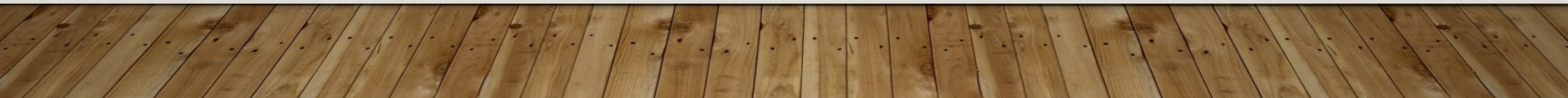


28 Then they cried to the LORD [YHWH] in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

29 He **made the storm be still,**  
and the **waves of the sea were hushed.**

30 Then they were glad that the waters were **quiet,**  
and he brought them to their desired haven.

(Ps 107:28-30, ESV)



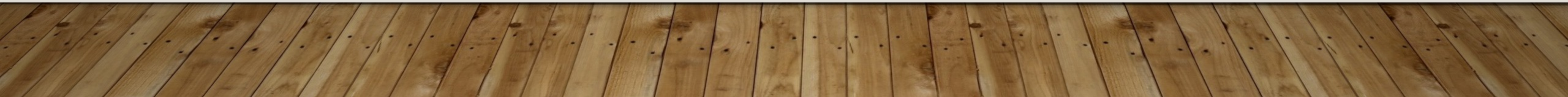


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The valleys of the sea were exposed  
and the foundations of the earth laid bare  
at the **rebuke** [LXX: ἐπιτίμησις | *epitimēsis*] of the LORD [YHWH],  
at the blast of breath from his nostrils.

(2 Sam 22:16, NIV)





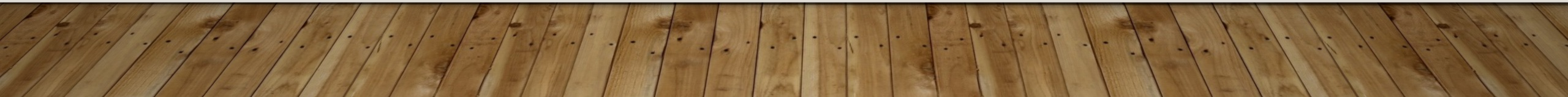


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He **rebuked** [LXX: ἐπιτιμάω | *epitimaō*] the Red Sea, and it dried up;  
he led them through the depths as through a desert.

(Ps 106:9, NIV)

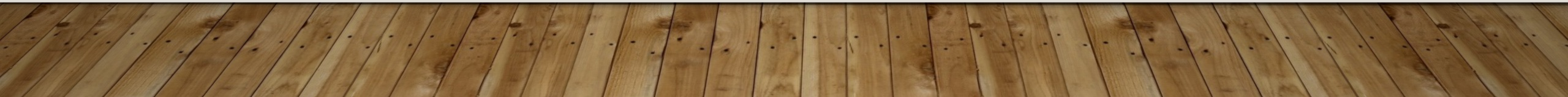




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- “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will **become calm** [LXX: κοπάζω | *korazō*]. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.” (Jon 1:12, NIV)

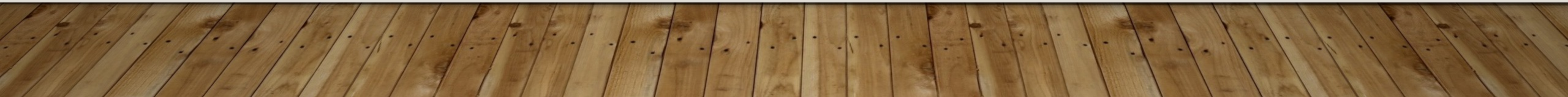




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- 13 Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the **sea grew even wilder than before**. 14 Then they **cried out to the LORD [YHWH]**, “Please, **LORD [YHWH]**, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, **LORD [YHWH]**, have done as you pleased.”  
(Jon 1:13-14, NIV)

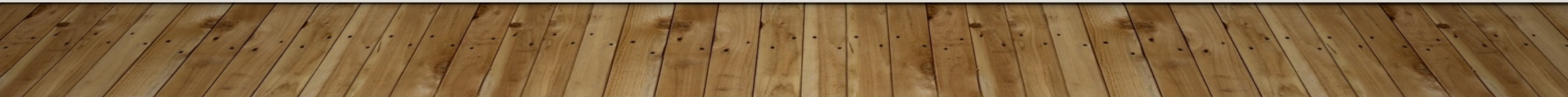






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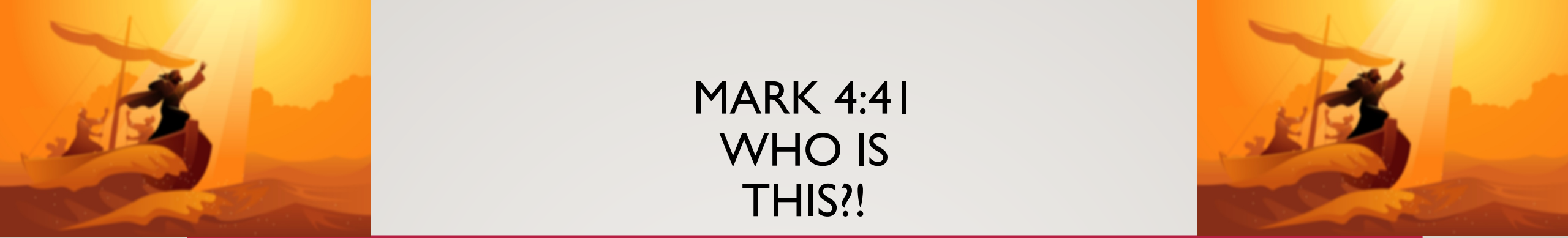
- 15 Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. 16 At this the men greatly **feared the LORD [YHWH]**, and they offered a sacrifice to the **LORD [YHWH]** and made vows to him. (Jon 1:15-16, NIV)



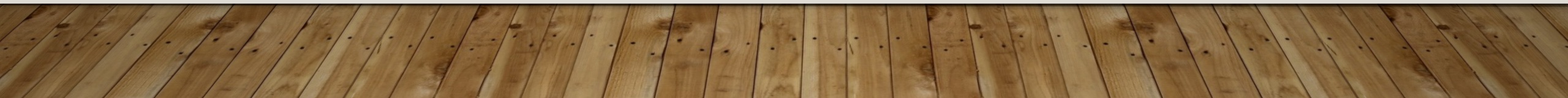


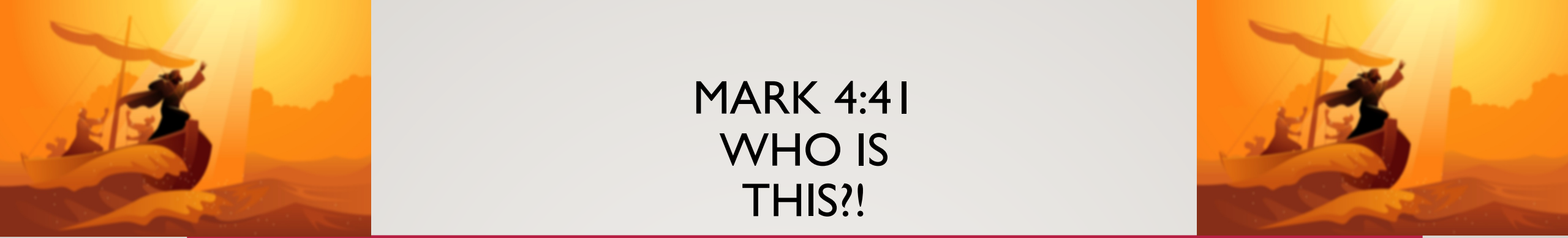
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- 29 But the Israelites went **through the sea on dry ground**, with a **wall of water on their right and on their left**. 30 That day the LORD [YHWH] saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. 31 And **when the Israelites saw** the mighty hand of the LORD [YHWH] displayed against the Egyptians, the people **feared the LORD [YHWH]** and **put their trust in him** and in Moses his servant. (Ex 14:29-31, NIV)

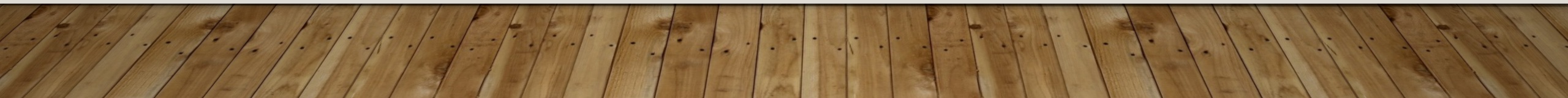



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- Transported with rage, he conceived the idea of **turning upon the Jews** the injury done by those who had put him to flight; so he ordered his charioteer to drive without stopping until he completed the journey. But the judgment of heaven rode with him! For in his arrogance he said, “When I get there I will make **Jerusalem a cemetery of Jews.**” (2 Mac 9:4, NRSV)
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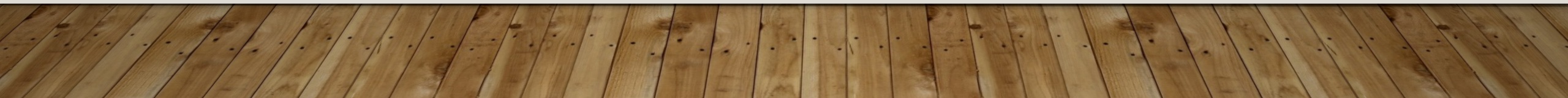


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- 5 But the all-seeing Lord, the God of Israel, struck him with an incurable and invisible blow. As soon as he stopped speaking he was seized with a pain in his bowels, for which there was no relief, and with sharp internal tortures— 6 and that very justly, for he had tortured the bowels of others with many and strange inflictions. (2 Mac 9:5-6, NRSV)
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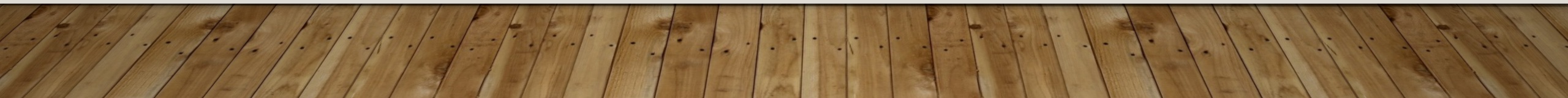
- Yet he did **not** in any way **stop** his insolence, but was even more filled with arrogance, breathing fire in his rage against the Jews, and giving orders to drive even faster. And so it came about that he fell out of his chariot as it was rushing along, and the fall was so hard as to torture every limb of his body. (2 Mac 9:7, NRSV)
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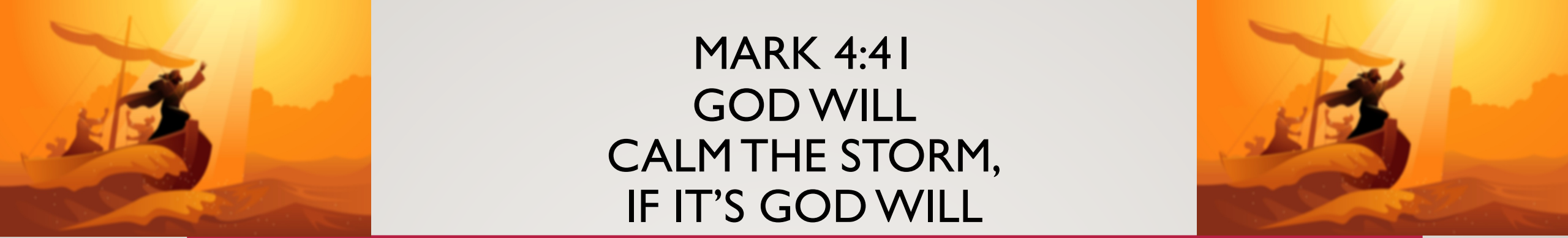




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- Thus he who only a little while before had thought in his **superhuman arrogance** that he could **command** [ἐπιτιμάω | *epitimaō*] **the waves of the sea**, and had imagined that he could weigh the high mountains in a balance, was brought down to earth and carried in a litter, **making the power of God manifest to all.** (2 Mac 9:8, NRSV)
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MARK 4:41  
GOD WILL  
CALM THE STORM,  
IF IT'S GOD WILL

- 23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in **prison more frequently**, been **flogged more severely**, and been **exposed to death again and again**. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the **forty lashes minus one**. 25 Three times I was **beaten with rods**, once I was **pelted with stones**, **three times I was shipwrecked**, I spent a **night and a day in the open sea**, (2 Cor 11:23-25, NIV)



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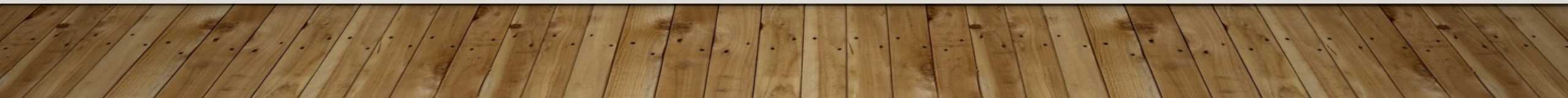
- 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from **rivers**, in danger from **bandits**, in danger from my **fellow Jews**, in danger from **Gentiles**; in danger in the **city**, in danger in the **country**, in danger **at sea**; and in danger from false **believers**. (2 Cor 11:26, NIV)




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- “Men, I can see that **our voyage** is going to be **disastrous** and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also.”  
(Ac 27:10, NIV)







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- But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship. (Ac 27:11, NIV)




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- After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, **you should have taken my advice** not to sail from Crete; then **you would have spared yourselves** this damage and loss. (Ac 27:21, NIV)




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- 22 But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. 23 Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me 24 and said, ‘**Do not be afraid** [φοβέομαι | *phobeomai*], Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ 25 So keep up your courage, men, for I **have faith** in God that it will happen **just as he told me**. (Ac 27:22-25, NIV)



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- And they were all astonished. So they were disputing with one another saying, "**What is this? A new teaching with authority! And He even commands the defiling spirits and they obey** [ὑπακούω | *hyrakouō*] Him." (Mk 1:27, AT)
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