

Have you ever blown things out of proportion and become angry with God when you were going through a difficult and challenging time? This happened to Jesus' disciples when a storm hit them hard. In their fear of drowning, they cried out to Jesus, who was getting some much-needed sleep in the boat, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38) For accusing Him of not caring, you would think that they received a rebuke from Jesus. No, it was the wind which received His rebuke, and a great calm followed. (Mark 4:39) Because of His tenderness toward His own, Jesus did not waste time taking offence. Instead, He wasted no time taking care of the problem that had caused His disciples so much anxiety and fear.

This also happened to two sisters, Martha and Mary, who did not hesitate to let Jesus know how they felt when He finally showed up days after their brother Lazarus had died. Both sisters made the same remark to Him: "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." (John 11:21, 32) Both sisters had previously seen Jesus' miracles of mercy and love. Now, in their grief, they focused on how He could have prevented their brother's death, but did not. They did not know His heart - how tender it was toward them, and how His help would never fail them, but would even extend to raising their dead brother. (John 11:41-44)

Your Heavenly Father sees you trying to stay afloat when you are in the midst of a 'storm'. He sees you trying to provide for yourself and your family, and thinking, "If I don't take care of these things, no-one else will!" He wants you to know how tender His heart is toward you, and how He is not offended by all the bad things you have ever said of or to Him. He wants you to know how much He wants to, and will, help and bless you. So let go and let God, and experience afresh the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward you!

Ephesians 2:7 "... so that in the coming ages He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."