

## Old Testament Reading: Job 38:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

- <sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
<sup>3</sup> Dress for action like a man;  
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
- <sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,  
<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- <sup>8</sup> “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,  
<sup>9</sup> when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
<sup>10</sup> and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,  
<sup>11</sup> and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

## Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend our-

selves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

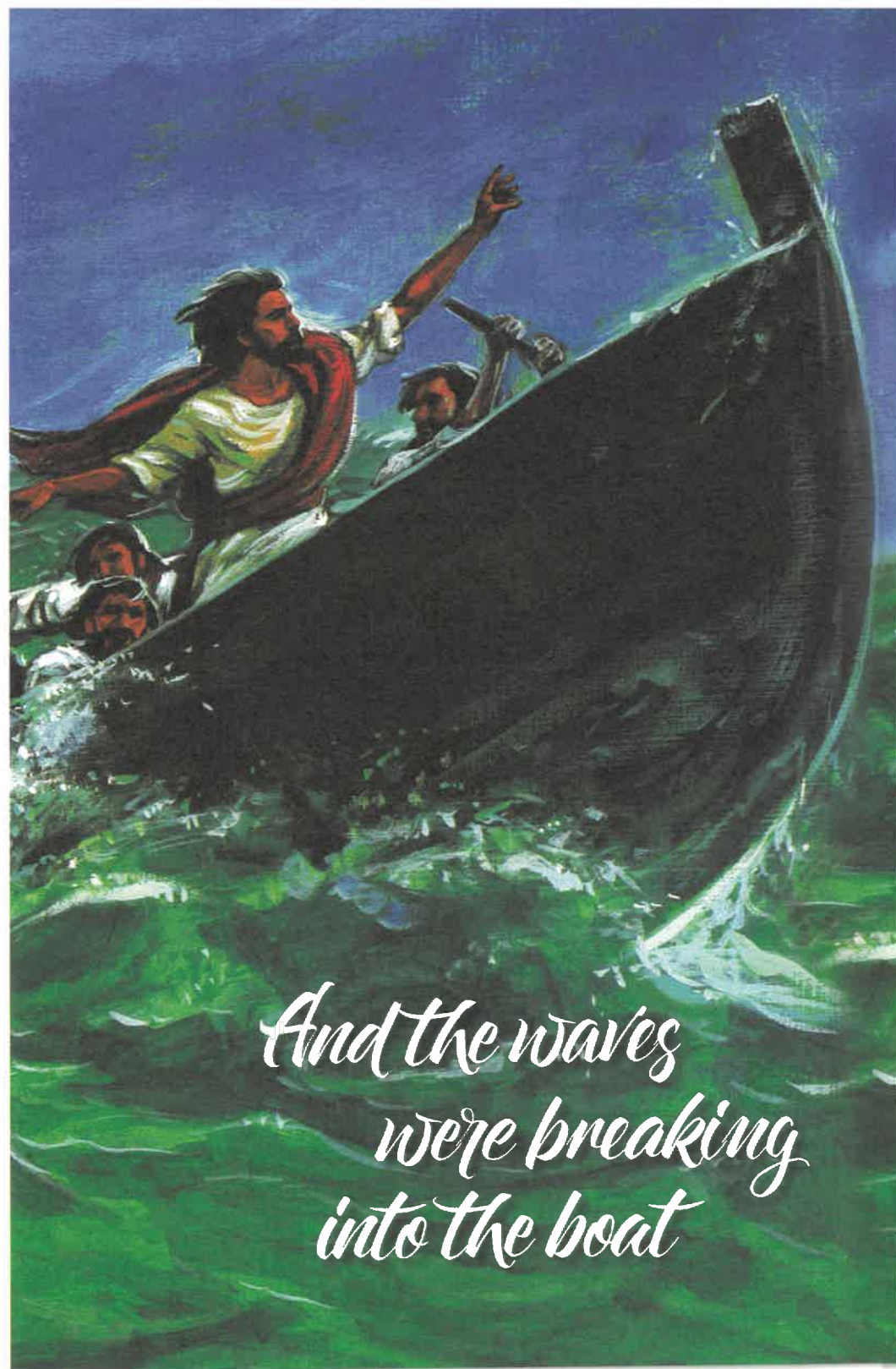
<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

## Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35–41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>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?”



**About the Cover:** Waves crashing into an unsteady boat would naturally bring fear to anyone on tumultuous seas. But Jesus is steady. With a simple command, He steadies the waves and the nerves of His disciples. He is in control even as the waves crash. Jesus calms our greatest fears with His steady and unflappable word of peace because He is God and Lord, who has saved us by His cross and resurrection and now guards and keeps us to eternity.



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