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Message of Hope: We are in the boat together

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It's a beautiful day serene today here in DB.

It was a beautiful peaceful day in Beirut on 4 August moments before the explosion.

Life is unpredictable & fragile, sometimes dangerous.

Our condition reminds me of the disciples in the boat at sea. The sea can change quickly.

3 things give me reassurance:

1. We are together in the 'boat'. Cooperation is sensible. We have the same needs.
2. Jesus is with us in the boat. There may not be a philosophical answer to the question, 'Why does God allow suffering?', but in faith believe God is with us in our challenges & suffering. Nothing separates us from the love of God in Jesus.
3. God is working God's purposes out. We learn from past human experience. We use our intelligence to become more compassionate and wise. Compassion and wisdom are divine qualities that equip us to coexist in this beautiful and fragile boat.