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SHAKING IN THE STREETS

On May 18–20, a skyscraper in Shenzhen, China began inexplicably shaking, sparking a panic in the city. Video shows people screaming and running away down the streets in all directions, fleeing a possible collapse. However, inspectors could find no problems or anomalies in the safety standards they monitor. And there was no wind, earthquake, or structural failure in the seventy-two-story building. Some speculate that a combination of temperature changes, gusts of wind, and a subway running below the streets might be the cause. But the building is twenty years old, and those conditions have never caused such shaking in the past. After three days of such shaking, the building was finally shut down as officials discussed what to do.

SHAKING IN THE BOAT

Jesus was asleep in the boat as the disciples rowed across the Sea of Galilee. A sudden storm blew in, bringing high winds and waves and causing even the fishermen among them to panic. Though the architect of the universe was right there with them, and surely He wouldn't perish in a freak wind, they feared for their lives.

1. What's the most frightened you've ever been?
2. What have you learned about the relationship between fear and faith?
3. How would the disciples' actions have been changed if they had acted out of faith instead of fear?

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