



**Back to the storm on the lake. When a Bucket's Not Enough.**

*I leave you peace; My peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don't let your hearts be troubled or afraid. — [John 14:27](#) NCV*

Imagine being in the middle of a lake. The boat you're sitting in has sprung a leak. The lake is deep, the shore is distant, and your boat is filling fast. You know what it feels like to be "troubled or afraid"!

What you need is a bucket to bail the water out — or do you? A bucket will only do so much. Sooner or later the water will come in faster than you can bail it out. You realize that if you want to stay afloat, you need to fix the hole in your boat.

When life is difficult, much is out of our control, and we feel ourselves sinking, we need to recognize that we aren't able to bail ourselves out. We won't find peace, much less our way back to shore, on our own. We need to fix the problem at its source—and only Jesus can do that. The peace as well as the guidance and help He offers will keep us afloat.

So the next time you reach for a bucket, consider reaching out for Jesus instead.

*Lord, thank You that You give me not only the strength I need for the challenge, but also guidance, help, and peace when I'm sinking. Amen.*