## Waves and Leaks Carole Mayhall

I. Introduction.

A. We often find ourselves asking if God cares. (Mark 4)

B. Jesus tells us that we are just as safe when the boat is rocking as we are after Jesus has calmed the storms.

C. Jesus brings us to the place where we can trust him in the constant pressures of life.

D. If we have an attitude of worry or thanklessness, we start to develop an emotional leak and water gets in our "boats."

II. How we react to situations can cause us to develop a leak.

III. How to deal with leaks.

A. Leaks require waiting on the Lord for a healing touch. We cannot stop the waves of life, but we can plug the leaks. (Isaiah 41)

B. W must develop trust.

1. Pray to daily delight in God's Word.

- 2. This takes commitment.
- 3. We choose to be in the circle of intimacy of God that we desire.
- 4. This requires obedience.

5. God gives us resources through the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 3)

## **Application questions:**

1. How does the analogy of leaks in a boat help us to understand how we need to deal with life?

2. What are some of the waves of life that impact you the most?

3. How has God grown your trust in the past? How can you grow it more now? Explain.

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