

# Lord of My Rocking Boat

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## I. Introduction.

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

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

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

A. Emotional leaks are moments when our trust in God starts to fail.

B. How we react to situations can cause us to develop a leak. (Hebrews 12:14)

## IV. How to deal with leaks.

A. Bitterness is something we must deal with. Forgiveness costs.

B. Sometimes we experience direct attacks of the enemy.

1. We must claim the blood of Jesus.

2. Sometimes we need to be made aware of a sin that is beyond our knowledge in our life that is blocking us from God’s blessing. (Psalm 139:23-24)

C. Leaks require waiting on the Lord for a healing touch.. (Isaiah 41)

D. We must develop trust.

1. Get to know God.

a. Through his Word. (Ephesians 3:14-19)

b. By being filled up with God by being open to the Spirit and the knowing the love of Christ. (Luke 11:35-36)

2. Jesus and the Word of God are radiant. We are to be radiant to with God’s reflected radiance. (Hebrews 1; Psalm 19; Ephesians 5:27)

3. We pray that we might know Jesus. (Philippians 3:10)

**Application questions:**

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

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

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

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