

## **”To Turn Our Will And Our Live Over To The Care Of God As We Understood Him” – What Is My Understanding Of Him?**

3<sup>rd</sup> Step - Lesson 1

The Third Step is meant to be a step out of Crazy World and into serenity.

Whether it works or not depends a lot on how you understand God

- What happens if your understanding is that God holds back from you until you're worthy of his care?
- How does Romans 8:23 change the way you understand God's love and care? – “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all— how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

**Read Mark 4:35-41 – That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"**

**He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.**

**He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"**

**They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"**

- Jesus' disciples didn't seem to expect much out of Jesus. Do you find that you don't expect much out of Jesus? Why do you think that is?
- When the disciples came to Jesus they were surprised and disturbed when they found him exhausted and snoring – in other words, Jesus was being very *human*. Do you find that you don't expect Jesus to be listening to your problems with a human heart?
- How do you think things would be different if you expected God to respond to your problems with God-sized power?
- How do you think things would be different if you expected God to have human feelings when you came to him with your problems?