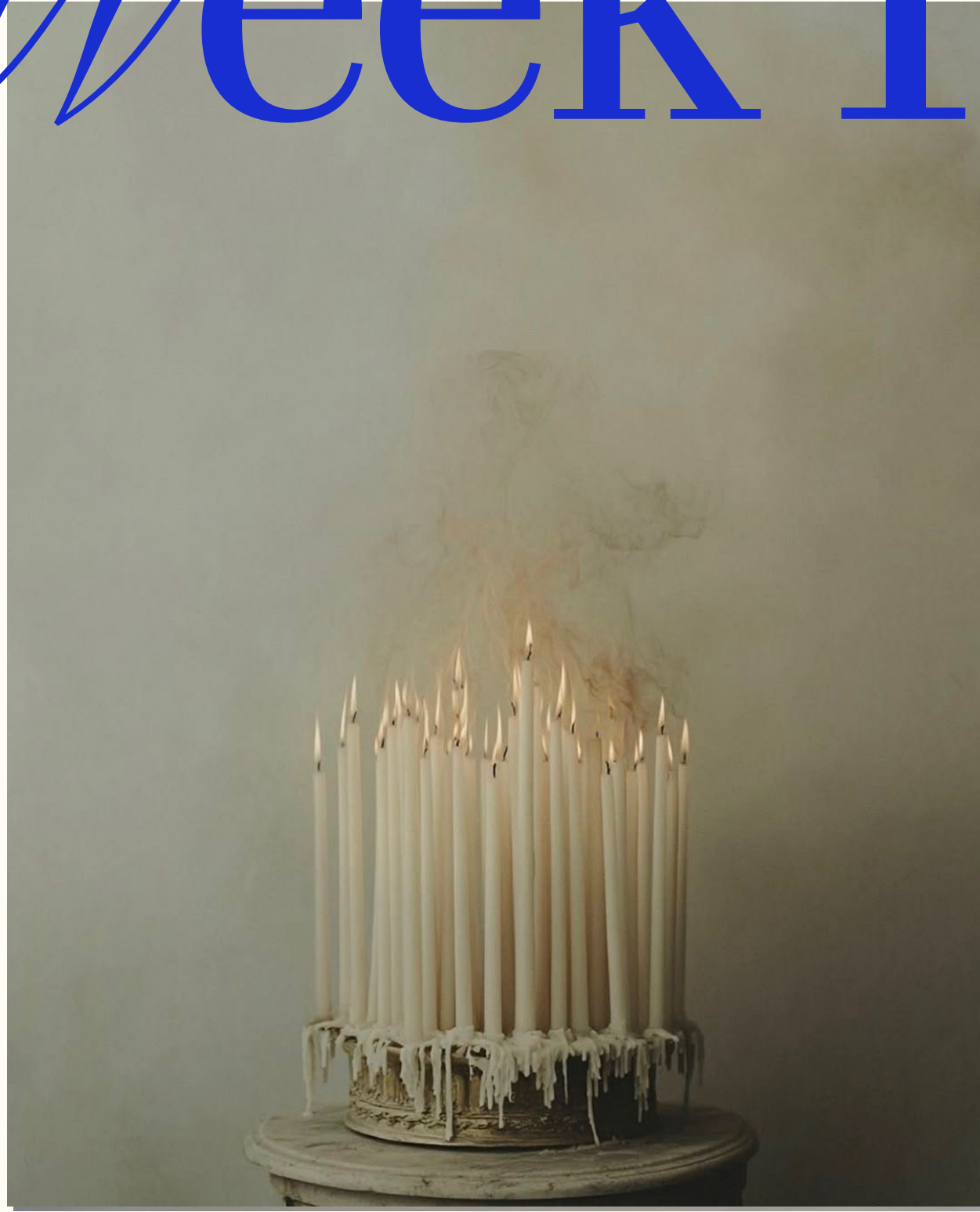




52 Weeks
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MARK 4:35-40

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?"

Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." That's how this story began, not with a storm, but with a direction. The disciples had no idea that a storm was between where they were and where they were going.

Have you ever been there? You followed Jesus, but then, out of nowhere, you're in the middle of a storm that feels like it's going to sink everything. You wonder if you missed it or if you heard God correctly. What if the storm wasn't about you at all?

In Mark 5, we see what was waiting on the other side: a demon-possessed man, isolated and in need of freedom. Jesus knew He was sending His disciples into a storm — not to punish them, but rather to invite them into purpose. That man's life was going to be changed forever. And the disciples were part of that story.

Sometimes, the storms in your life aren't about you. They're about someone else. God will allow you to walk through some valleys, not because He's trying to punish you, but because He's positioning you to bring freedom to someone else. Your pain might become someone else's healing. Your story might unlock someone else's hope.

Stay in the boat. The other side is worth it.

REFLECT:

Question 1: Have you ever been through something difficult that later helped someone else?

Question 2: Who might be on “the other side” of your current storm?

Question 3: What does it say about Jesus that He slept through the storm—and still had the power to stop it?

PRAYER:

Jesus, help me trust You in the storm. Remind me that there’s purpose on the other side, even if I can’t see it yet. Use my story to bring hope to someone else. In Jesus’ name. Amen.