When your circumstances are challenging, difficult, or you loathe them, TRUST...

- 1. Jesus is **sovereign**, and this is part of His **curriculum** for your life (14:22-24).
 - a. When was the last time you found yourself in a storm, and how can you see that God led you there as part of His curriculum for your life?
 - b. Read Romans 8:28. How have you thanked Him for seeing you through the storm?
- 2. Jesus is **present** and will not let you **endure** more than you can handle (14:25-27).
 - a. What are ways that the world explains difficulty, and what are worldly ways of dealing with difficulty?
 - b. Read Mark 6:48. What does it tell you about Jesus that he was willing to pass them by? What does it tell you about their circumstances?
- 3. Jesus is **teaching** so continue to listen and **yield** to Him even when it doesn't make sense (14:28-32).
 - a. How is Jesus telling you to "come"?
 - b. Are you being obedient, or are you staying in the boat?
 - c. When circumstances seem impossible, how do you respond?
- 4. Jesus is worthy of your worship because He is almighty (14:33)
 - a. In what ways can you worship Him during the storm and not just after?
 - b. Read John 16:33. What encouragement for your present circumstances do you find in this verse?
 - c. Spend some time in group praying and praising God for who He is and what He is doing in your life right now.

<u>Accountability Question:</u> What is God speaking to you that you need to put into practice as soon as possible? How can you avoid a "but" moment like Peter had (14:30)?