

Row, Row, Row Your Boat
Luke 21:34-36

 Luke 21:34–36 (NIV84) “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

1. Row against the current of DISSIPATION.

-  Luke 21:34a,c (NIV84) “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation...and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.”
-  James 4:14 (NIV84) “...What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”
-  Ephesians 5:15–16 (CSB) “Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil.”

2. Row against the current of DRUNKENNESS.

-  Luke 21:34a,c (NIV84) “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with...drunkenness...and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.”
-  Luke 15:13 (NIV84) “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.”
-  1 Peter 4:4–5 (NIV84) “They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.”
-  Ephesians 5:18 (NIV84) “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”

3. Row against the current of DREAD.

-  Luke 21:34a,c (NIV84) “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with...the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.”
-  Philippians 4:4–7 (NIV84) “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
-  Luke 21:34b–36 (NIV84) “...that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Digging Deeper: Are you rowing or drifting? Are you closer or farther away from the Father?
 Are you allowing the wrong things to steal your time? Are you comfortably numb? Are you avoiding or are you growing? What worries you? Does anxiety have its grip on you? Do you want to have victory over all that? Jesus offers that. Will you be able to stand before Jesus one day?