

# Boasting of an Unskilled Sailor

*Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.** Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples. (Matthew 26:33-35)*

I have secretly boasted to myself that I was a brave, skilled, confident Christian Sailor while my feet were firmly planted on land; but when at sea, when land was no longer in sight, when the Son hid his face behind the clouds, when the dark storm surged and the mighty waves swelled, when the lightning flashed and the thunder clapped, when the winds howled and the boat began to rock—then reality slapped me silly, and the heart of the brave, skilled, confident sailor was forced to confess that he sails much better on land than he does at sea.

-Frank Hall