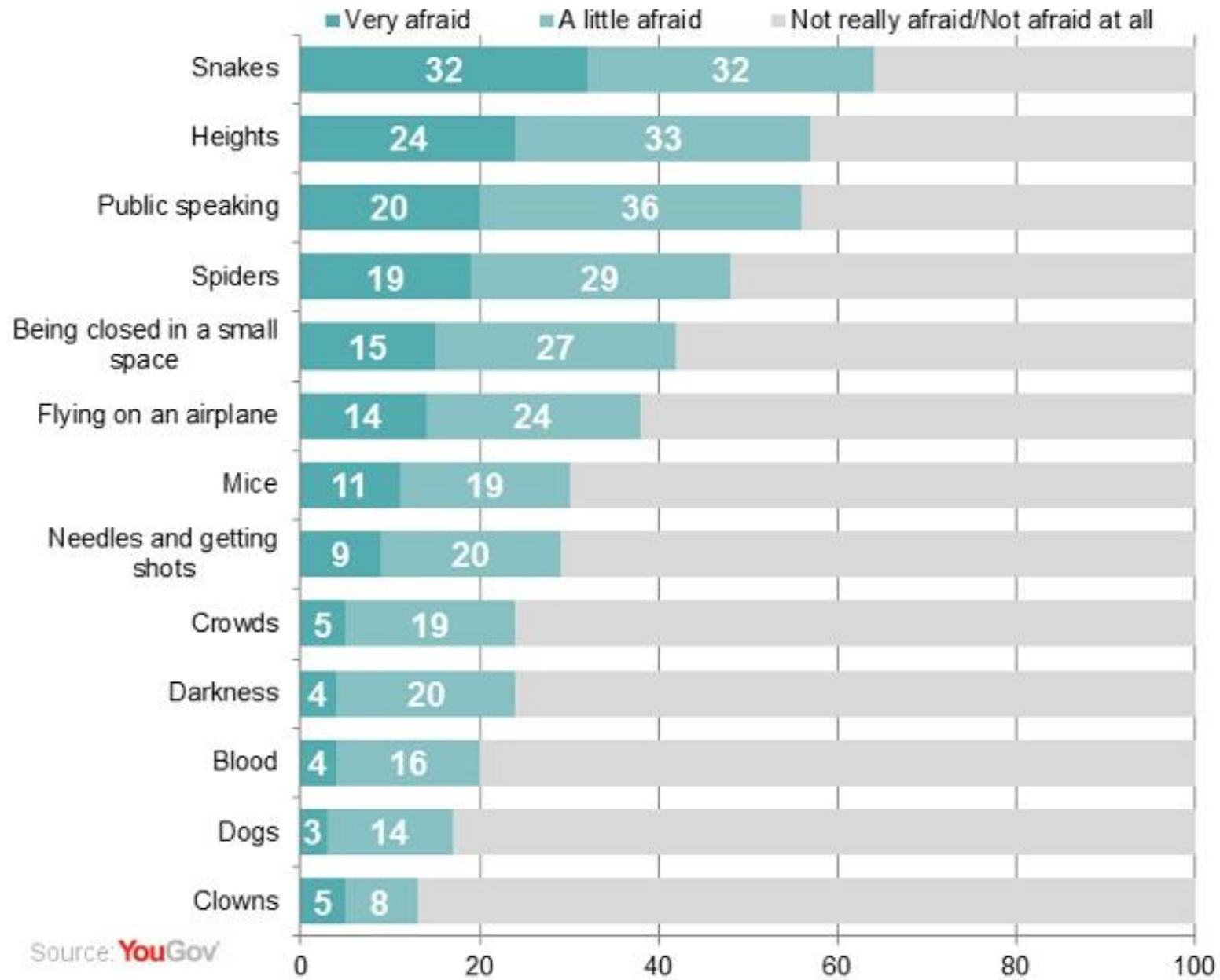




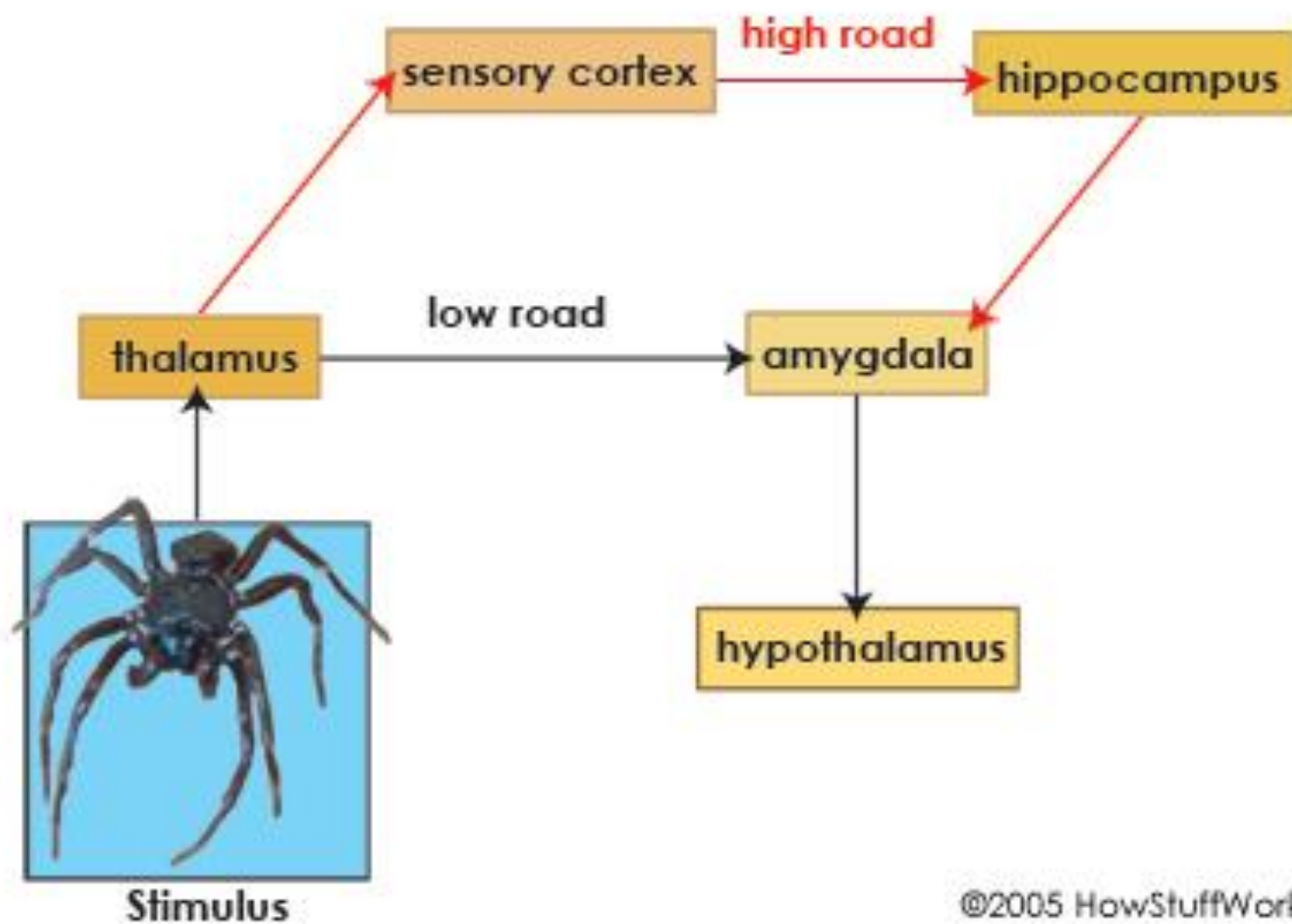
EYE OF THE STORM

# Are you afraid of any of the following things? %



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## The Paths of Fear



## Mark 4:35-37 NIV

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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.

Mark 4:38a NIV

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Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.

Sailboats of this period had only a mast and "yard," and were used near shore under favorable wind conditions.

# First-Century Galilean Fishing Boat

This type of small sailboat was very common in first century Galilee; it was likely the same kind that Jesus' first disciples used.

The fishing technique of this period required that fishermen frequently dive into the water. Consequently, fishermen often worked without clothing (see John 21:7).

Stern

Mast

Yard

Net

Weights

Prow

Oars

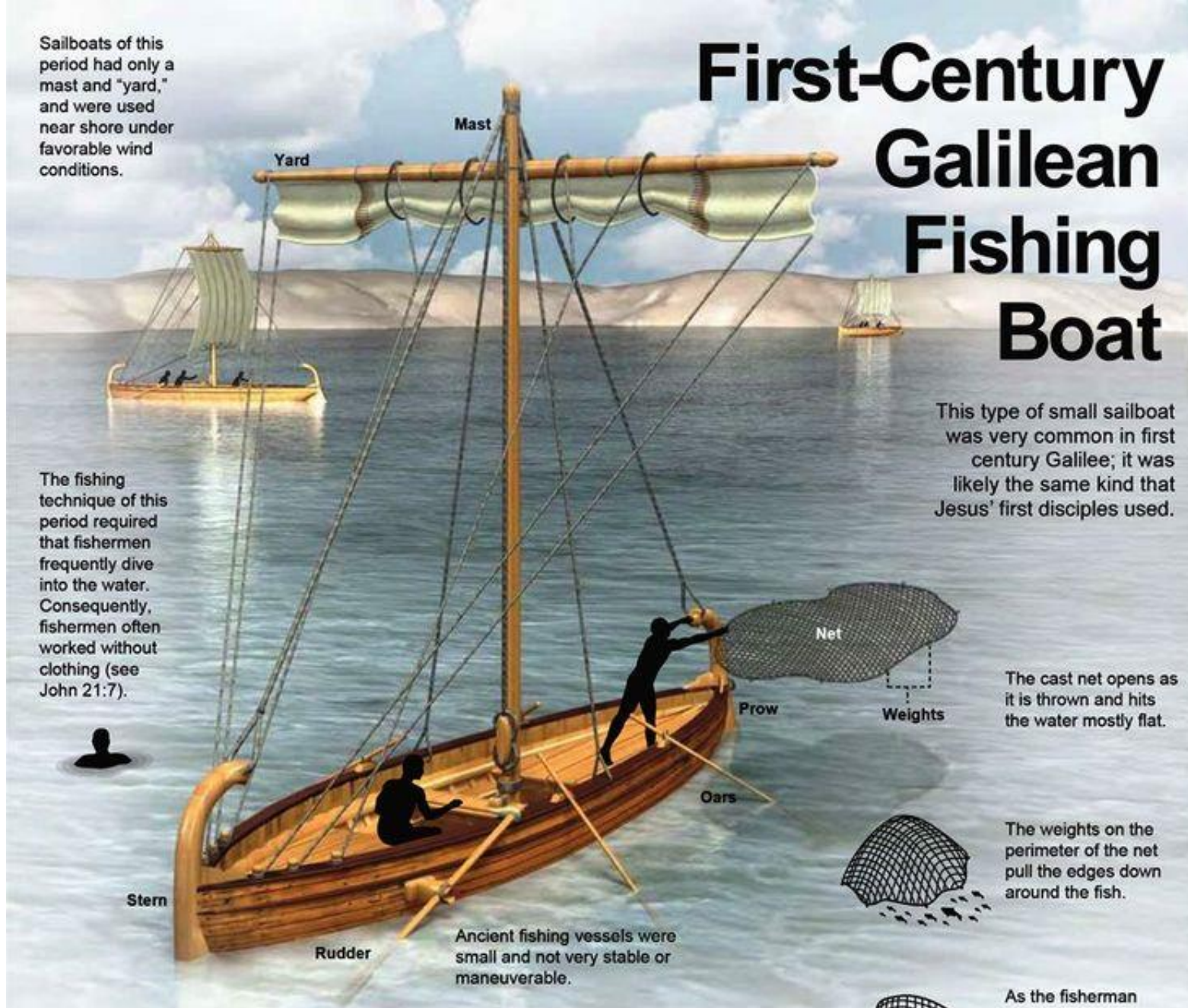
Rudder

Ancient fishing vessels were small and not very stable or maneuverable.

The cast net opens as it is thrown and hits the water mostly flat.

The weights on the perimeter of the net pull the edges down around the fish.

As the fisherman



Mark 4:38b NIV

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The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

## Jonah 1:6 NIV

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The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."



Mark 4:39 NIV

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He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"

Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Mark 4:40 NIV

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

Isaiah 26:3 NIV

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You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Mark 4:41 NIV

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“Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

## Revelation 1:17 NIV

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When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.

A dramatic landscape photograph capturing a sunset or sunrise over a vast body of water. The sun is positioned low on the horizon, creating a bright, shimmering path of light across the water's surface. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, but numerous sunbeams (crepuscular rays) fan out from the sun, illuminating the scene. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a hillside or mountain range. The overall mood is serene yet powerful, suggesting a moment of calm amidst a storm.

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