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## CAPTAIN-LESS BOAT STORY

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**ERUCH:** Another case is there. There is another fine thing comes to my mind you see. An example. Listen. Hear the nice story also. This is by Ramakrishna, a perfect master. He said. He gives us an example of a person when he's angry. What happens to him? So just saying that doesn't help. The figure helps one to understand it.

So he says that there is a person who has a boat and he's going upstream. Rowing very hard. Trying to go upstream a river it's very difficult. The river flows downstream and we are going upstream. So I'm rowing harder and harder. Now all of a sudden I've gone a distance and I see a boat rushing down the stream. And I begin to shout in panic. He says, "Hey, get aside. What are you trying to do?" Because if it rushes it will break both the boats and finish it off. So I go on shouting at the top of my voice but as soon as the boat nears me I see that there is nobody inside the boat.

So the perfect master asks the question, "Will you continue to shout at the boat which has nobody inside it?" What will you do? Well the answer is I will get aside from him. And allow the boat to pass by. I wouldn't shout at the person. So the person who has lost his temper. The person who has lost himself is no captain. It's like a boat without a captain. So try to get away from, get aside from. Instead of confronting him, instead of trying to interrogate him, instead of trying to force him, get aside. Because knowing fully well that the captain of the ship is not there. It's just a plain boat.

There's another example. For a man who wants to hold the truth. Not through force but through proper understanding of the truth. One has to. One has to relinquish force. Because the cardinal principal behind it all. How to have your clutches on the truth is by being humble. Humility is the main stand on which we have. That begets love. One has to humble oneself.