

JESUS CALMS THE STORM



"Jesus Shows His True Leadership!"

Luke 8:22-25

1. Jesus knew the storm was coming!

- **Verse 22** – "One day Jesus said to the disciples..."
- Jesus would not be taken by surprise by the storm! He knew that it was coming and would teach the disciples an amazing lesson here!
- The disciples were obedient to Jesus and they all got in the boat!
- **Verse 23** – "Jesus settled down for a nap!!!!"
- This points out something here that is so powerful – Jesus was CALM even though He knew there would be a fierce storm coming!
- He even knew that there would be real danger and was calm!
- How dangerous? **Verse 24** – "The disciples went and woke Jesus up, shouting, "Master, Master we're going to drown!""
- I'm reminded today of **Acts 27** when Paul was on a ship. There were hurricane force winds, the ship was falling apart and they were throwing cargo overboard!
- Paul in **Acts 27:20-26** was so calm! Why? Because Jesus was Paul's PEACE during the storm!
- **Fact – There will be storms in this life!** Physical storms that scare us. Spiritual storms that we call trials, tests and hardships that can be fierce at times...make you feel like you are going to drown! **But...**
- **Verse 24** – "Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. SUDDENLY the storm STOPPED and ALL WAS CALM!"
- We are reminded here in this story that Jesus is in charge and control of it all! No one else!
- Bill Johnson Bethel Church "God is in charge but He is not in control. He has left us in control."
- Friends, this is 100% scary! To say that you or any other person is in control and not God would be elevating yourself to God! BE CAREFUL CHURCH! (Dominion Theology is false!)
- The Sovereignty of God is that God is Creator, He is in charge and He is in total control!
- **Verse 25** – "Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?""
- This is not faith in themselves...but where is your faith in Me Jesus asks them?

- Jesus is always, 100% the center and focus in every situation...never us! **We should always be AMAZED BY JESUS!** Verse 25

Closing: We can face our storms because Jesus is the leader within us!

- * A believer must be calm in whatever storm breaks out! (*How? We have Jesus!*)
- * Turbulent times are sure to come and when they do, it's imperative for a believer to be calm and have steady influence! (*How? We have Jesus!*)
- * A storm is a true test of your Christianity. Not that you won't get wet, but that you don't drown! (*How? We have Jesus!*)
- * We cannot control our circumstances, but keeping faith in Jesus Christ as our source, we can stay calm in the middle of the storm! (*How? We have Jesus!*)
- * Don't ever forget that Jesus brought you through past storms! **The SON eventually came out!**
- * Uncontrolled panic is a tell-tale sign that fear is your leader! A small rain storm can turn into a tornado very quickly! (*You can make matters worse by following fear instead of Jesus!*)
- * There is nothing that will show Jesus more than when a believer keeps his or her eyes on Jesus during a storm! **Why? Because the world's reaction to difficult times vs. the believers reactions during difficult times is so different!**

Example: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** (This does not mean that you will not mourn, cry, have so many questions and even miss the person greatly...but it does mean that you will not drown your sorrows in alcohol, pull away from your family/friends/church, give up in life etc..)

The fact is that storms can pop up at any moment. Storms can develop in any season. Storms can be fierce. Storms can be loud. Storms can be outright scary. But, we must remember that our God does not slumber or sleep!

- **Jesus took a nap to rest his earthly body as a man but never slept as being fully God!**
- **Psalms 121:3-4**
- *We spend 1/3 of our lives sleeping! If someone lives to be 70 yrs old, that person will have slept 204,400 hours! ☺*
- False gods (demons) even sleep (do not answer or respond to their people) obviously! **1 Kings 18:27.**
- You may feel at times that God is asleep like the Psalmist in **Psalm 44:23** that God is not listening.
- But, you have to trust God's Word church! In **Psalm 121** – **6 times that God helps or keeps us!**
- During the storms of life, you have to look to His Word! **Psalm 3:5** and **Psalm 4:8**
- Storms can be very dark at times, yet the Bible says that God is with us in the night! **Psalm 16:7** and **Job 35:10**
- Take a big deep breath this morning, and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart from the Word of God today!
- **Luke 8:24**