

Courage in the Storm

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Matthew 8:18-27

1. Why was Jesus sleeping? What does this tell us about his view of what was happening/about to happen?
2. Why did the disciples wake Jesus? What does this tell us about their outlook of what was happening?
3. What negatives are revealed by the disciples' actions? What positives can you see in what they do?
4. What did Jesus say to them when they woke him up? Why do you think he choose these words?
5. What do you think Jesus expected of the disciples? Why?
6. "Why are you afraid?" Why does Jesus highlight this point? What do you think his point is in focusing on this?
7. In what ways do the disciples display/fail to display courage in this situation?
8. Why is courage important? What id discipleship like without it?
9. What make you afraid? What do you fear?
10. Why is surrendering control so hard? Why do we want to maintain control? How does Jesus' actions challenge the disciples on this point?
11. Surrender – Step out – Don't quit. What does each step look like for you? Why is each step important?
12. What is God calling you to surrender, step out into, and keep pushing against without quitting? How will you do this?

Prayer points:

- Spend time praying for the situation in Israel/Palestine and the people affected by the conflict.
- Pray for courage to step into what God is calling you to do. Pray for the perseverance to not quit when it gets hard.