Jesus Calms the Storm

Luke 8:22-25

I. The Journey Begins (v.22)

- Jesus' invitation: "Let us go over to the other side of the lake."
- **Obedience of the disciples:** They set out in the boat.

II. The Sudden Storm (v.23)

- Jesus asleep: Shows His humanity and peace.
- The storm arises: Fierce wind and waves threaten the boat.
- **The danger:** The boat is being swamped; the disciples fear for their lives.

III. The Disciples' Panic (v.24a)

- Their fear: They wake Jesus in desperation.
- Their plea: "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

IV. Jesus' Powerful Response (v.24b)

- He rebukes the wind and waves: Command over nature.
- The result: The storm ceases; calm is restored.

V. Jesus' Challenge to Their Faith (v.25a)

- **His question:** "Where is your faith?"
- Implied lesson: Faith should remain firm even in crisis.

VI. The Disciples' Amazement and Awe (v.25b)

- Their reaction: Fear and amazement.
- **Their question:** "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Key Themes:

- Jesus' authority over nature
- Faith in the face of fear
- The divine power and identity of Christ
- Trusting Jesus even when He seems silent

Things to ponder:

Faith and Fear

- 1. When have you felt like the disciples—overwhelmed by a storm in your life? How did you respond?
- 2. What does this passage reveal about the relationship between fear and faith? How do you see that in your own life?
- 3. What are the "storms" you're facing right now, and how might Jesus be inviting you to trust Him in the midst of them?

Trusting Jesus

- 4. Why do you think Jesus rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith? What might He be saying to you today in the storms you face?
- 5. How can you grow in your confidence that Jesus is with you even when He seems "asleep" or distant?
- 6. What would trusting Jesus in your current situation actually look like in practical terms?