



**The Power of the King  
over Nature  
Matthew 8:23–27**

**Introduction:** What has been the worst \_\_\_\_\_ that you have ever faced in life?

Have you ever heard of a \_\_\_\_\_? (Video clip)

**I. His disciples \_\_\_\_\_ Him – 8:23**

*23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.*

How are you doing in \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus?

**Following Jesus doesn't free us from facing the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.**

**II. A \_\_\_\_\_ suddenly arose – 8:24**

*24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.*

**A. Storms will \_\_\_\_\_ – 8:24**

Hurricane \_\_\_\_\_ -

**Now, just because you follow Jesus doesn't mean that your life will be \_\_\_\_\_ from storms.**

Matthew 8:24 - *And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea,*

Mark 4:37 - *And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.*

In the NIV it reads - *A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.*

In my study I read that the waves on the sea of Galilee during a storm could reach the heights of \_\_\_\_\_ feet.

Luke 8:23 - *But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.*

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### **The disciples were in a storm.**

#### **B. Your boat may get \_\_\_\_\_ – 8:24**

*so that the boat was covered with the waves.*

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the storms that come into your life? Do you feel as if your “boat” at times is covered with waves? You see the waves, and the water at your feet and you wonder if you are going to survive.

What are some of the various storms we face in life?

- Long-term illness.
- \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_.
- Death of loved one.
- Job loss.
- Broken relationships.

As you go through storms do you ever wonder \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus is?

#### **C. You may feel Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ – 8:24**

*But He was asleep.*

**Why is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_?**

**God does not \_\_\_\_\_.**

*[Psalm 121:2-4](#) – 2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

God is aware of every \_\_\_\_\_ that comes into our lives.

**III. The disciples \_\_\_\_\_ Him – 8:25**

*25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”*

The disciples \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus, they awoke Him, and they said to Him,  
*“Lord, save us! We are perishing!”*

I would have been right there waking Jesus up. Saying to Him,  
*“Lord, save us! We are perishing!”*

*Matthew 8:10 - “I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”*

*Matthew 8:26 – “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith.”*

**What size of \_\_\_\_\_ do you have?**

Dr. Tony Evans writes, “The size of your \_\_\_\_\_ is ultimately tied to the size of your \_\_\_\_\_.”

**How \_\_\_\_\_ is your God?**

**IV. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the winds and the sea – 8:26-27**

*26 But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 So the men marveled, saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”*

**A. He speaks to them about \_\_\_\_\_ – 8:26**

*“Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?”*

**B. He rebukes the \_\_\_\_\_ and the sea – 8:26**

*Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.*

**C. The men \_\_\_\_\_ – 8:27**

*27 So the men marveled, saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”*

**Conclusion:** What are our take-home truths for today? There are four of them that I want to pass along to you. They are:

1. Not all \_\_\_\_\_ will end soon, but they will end.
2. In the midst of your \_\_\_\_\_, you are never alone as a child of God.
3. Jesus will be in your \_\_\_\_\_ with you.
4. We are \_\_\_\_\_ in the hands of the one who has ultimate authority over all storms.