

1. Intro

- We will read about Jesus performing 2 miracles today.
 - We'll see Jesus has authority over nature and demons and He turns chaos into calm.

2. Text: Luke 8:22-39

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- Jesus and His disciples were caught in a **fierce storm** on the Sea of Galilee.
 - Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves and **suddenly** the storm stopped and all was calm.
- Perspectives for us from this true story:
 - Jesus is fully able to turn our chaos into calm. Turn to Him for help.
 - Jesus has the power to calm our storm. Turn to Him in dependence like He's the only One that can help us... because He is!
 - **Hebrews 4:16** "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
 - **1 Peter 5:7** "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."
 - Jesus didn't cause the storm on the Sea of Galilee in order to punish the disciples for sin they committed.

Luke 8:26-39

- A few bullet points about angels, Satan, and demons.
 - God created **all** angels (Colossians 1:16-17).
 - God created angels sometime before He created the **earth** (Job 38:4-7).
 - Angels are God's **messengers** who carry out his commands.

- Satan is a powerful **angel** who rebelled against God. (Isaiah 14:12-15)
 - God removed Satan from his **place** in heaven. (Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel. 28:16-17)
 - 1/3 of the angels joined Satan in his rebellion (Revelation 12:3-4), and they are called **demons**.
 - Satan is God's great **enemy**. He and his demons constantly fight against God's plans.
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- The demons were **cruel** to the man.
 - The demons often took **control** of the man.
 - The demons had great **strength** and were able to break shackles and chains placed on the man's hands.
 - The demons **fell down** before Jesus.
 - Jesus had complete **authority** and **control** over the legion of demons and cast them out of the man and into the pigs.
 - The healed man **worshipped** at the feet of Jesus!
 - Jesus took the **chaos** caused by the demons and turned it into beautiful **calm** in the man's life!

3. Final Thoughts on Spiritual Warfare:

- Satan, demons, and spiritual warfare is eery and frightening, but this story assures us that, while we can't control demons, Jesus absolutely can! Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world!