

# Stormy Sailing

Luke 8:22-25

Luke 8:22: Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out.

This is the Word of God! This Word was meant to **sustain** the disciples in the storm that was coming. The Word of God **sustains us** in the storm.

Word - They weren't launching out to go under they were launching out to go **over** to the other side.

Some **don't know** the Word of God.

Sometimes it's **not** that we don't **know** the Word of God but that we need to be **reminded** (line upon line, precept upon precept).

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 (danger).

Jesus' **humanity** —> Hebrews 2:17, 4:15

"Windstorm came down on the lake": Mount Hermon (9000 ft elevation) down to the Sea of Galilee (700 ft below sea level)

This was **no ordinary** storm! This was a **great** (Mark) windstorm. This was a **demonic** storm of **destruction**.

- Storms of **direction** - Paul (Acts 27) Let's be open and leadable.
- Storms of **correction** - Jonah. Let's be correctable!
- Storms of **perfection** - James 1:2-4. It's possible to be joyful in trials.

James 1:2-4: My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience (endurance). But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking nothing.

- Storms of **destruction** - (**demonic** —> rebuked in v. 24)

This Storm of Destruction was meant to **stop** Jesus - to **sink** Him before he could get across the lake.

Why? A man. One man who lived outside the Decapolis. Perhaps you're that man/woman?

What Satan meant for **evil**, God meant for **good**.

- Jesus teaches us spiritual opposition is **real**.
- His **Word** is **trustworthy**!
- Jesus modeled for us **rest** in the storm. (Peter)
- It's in the storm that Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples as **deity**. It's in the storm that we **learn** who Jesus really is.

Luke 8:24: And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

1 Peter 5:7 (Amp.): Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

Mark 4:39: Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Jesus can bring **peace** in the **fiercest** of storms.

John 14:27: **Peace** I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not (stop letting) your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33: These things I have spoken to you, that in Me **you** may have [perfect] **peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Isaiah 26:3: You will keep him in **perfect peace**, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 26:4 (Amp.): So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him) forever; for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the Rock of Ages].

Jesus can **calm** the most troubled heart with a **great calm** and **great peace**.

Luke 8:25: But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

Storms come, storms pass - either a storm is coming, you're in one, or one has just passed.

- **no** faith
- **little** faith
- **great** faith
- **saving** faith (Ephesians 2:8, Romans 5:1, Mark 16:15)

Humanity and deity - 1 Timothy 2:4-6