

STATE OF EMERGENCY

LUKE 4:35-41 KJV



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Stormy Weather

On Monday July 27th, 2026, severe storms and multiple tornadoes struck the Chicago area. The south suburbs was particularly hit hard with destructive winds up to 110 mph causing major structural damage, widespread power outages and panic amongst residents. More than 530,000 customers were without power for days.



192nd Place and Oakwood Avenue in Lansing



Hazel Crest



Sauk Village



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2 Reasons for Storms:

*While difficult to understand in the moment...

- Prepare/Equip
- Build our Faith



POINT:

Storms of Life Come to TEACH US if
We're willing to learn!

Teacher: Jesus

Lesson: His Power, Our Faith

Classroom: Shoreline

Laboratory: The Boat in the Midst of the Sea

Today's Application:

**DON'T LET THE LOUDEST THING IN YOUR LIFE
BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL THING IN YOUR LIFE.
THE STORM MAY BE LOUD, BUT JEUS HAS THE FINAL WORD.**

God's Abiding Presence

- ❖ God is not sleep on the job
- ❖ God is near to us
- ❖ Our Assumptions can be faulty
- ❖ Clarity often takes time
- ❖ God's Words match His Works
- ❖ Developing faith takes time/experience
- ❖ God challenges our faith

POINT:

Jesus could... ignore the storm,
but the storm **can't** ignore Him

Jesus could... negotiate w/the wind, but the wind **can't** negotiate w/Him

Jesus could... resist the waves,
but the waves **can't** resist Him

The Disciples Learned in the Storm

- What Joseph learned through his... Gen. 50:19-21
..."You thought evil against me, but God meant it unto my good,"
- What the blind man would come to know...John 9:25
..."I once was blind, but now I see.."
- What the Psalmist already knew...Psalm 107: 28-32

Psalm 107:28-32 KJV

²⁸ Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

²⁹ He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

³⁰ Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

³¹ Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

³² Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Carest Not if We Perish???

Jesus cares so much that He would teach us
how to apply faith in the laboratory of life.

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