

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 6-23-24  
Christianity 102 – Message 37 Part 1  
Growing in Faith or Fear

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Jesus modeled an important principle related to making decisions. Luke 6:12
- 2) Jesus' choosing of the 12 should encourage us because these men were just like you and me.
- 3) What does Judas' life teach us?
  - a) Judas was a man who called himself a Christian, followed Jesus like a disciple but today is in hell. He never gave his heart to Jesus.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Each day these disciples are coming to grips with what they really believe about Jesus.
  - a) The same is true for us –
  - b) Have we developed a habit of checking Jesus at the door?
  - c) To some this may seem over the top or ridiculous but that is exactly the problem.
  - d) We don't see Jesus for who He really is and recognize our need of Him in every part of this life He has given to us.
- 2) In this next story God will use the sometimes violent and unpredictable Sea of Galilee.

2. Let's get in and go over: Mark 4:35-41

a. Sea of Galilee:

- 1) Some things you may not know about the Sea of Galilee and the surrounding terrain.

b. Some important lessons learned here:

- 1) The Sea of Galilee mirrors what can happen in our life.
- 2) Verse 37 – the storm is described as –
- 3) Verse 38 – “And the same day...”
  - a) Jesus had been teaching them the Word and now He would give them a practical challenge.
  - b) The idea – as you hear the Word of God the fruit would be FAITH. Romans 10:17
- 4) Jesus knew the storm was coming for it was a part of that day's lesson for the purpose of application.
- 5) Storms – trials – sometimes believers are prone to think that storms only come when you have been disobedient.

3. What do you need to weather the storm?

a. Money? Life jacket? New job? How about a PROMISE!

- 1) You might be thinking that you would be just fine if there were no storms.
- 2) What do you need to weather a storm?
- 3) What we know and believe about Jesus is related to His Word.

b. Do you see a promise here? Verse 35

- 1) What did Jesus say, “Let us pass over to the other side.”

c. How about His Presence?

- 1) Verse 38 – what do you see? Who is with them?
  - a) Implication of John 14 and 16?
  - b) Hebrews 13:5 –

- d. How about His Power?
  - 1) Verse 38 – Jesus is never caught off guard or unaware of what is happening to us.
  - 2) Why is the storm not bothering Jesus?
    - a) He is right where His Father wanted Him to be.
  - 3) If you feel that you are in a storm, tell me, what do you see?
    - a) Are you in this storm because of sin/disobedience or out of obedience?
- 4. Our response to Jesus' faithfulness:
  - a. What will you do?
    - 1) What are we prone to cry out in the middle of the storm? Verse 38.
      - a) Jesus, don't you care? Do you believe that Jesus really cared for you? You see...
      - b) What you believe about Jesus does make a difference.
    - 2) Jesus stood up and said, "Peace be still".
      - a) Who was He speaking to? The disciples or the storm?
    - 3) The greatest threat to the disciples that day wasn't the weather, it was their fear.
    - 4) Application –
      - a) Our greatest problems are not always around us but really in us. Verse 40 –
      - 5) Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.
- 5. Today's Take Away:
  - a. Here is why what we do together here is so important.
  - b. What have you learned about your storm?
  - c. Remember, Judas is in the boat.