

# FINDING FAITH IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

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**Luke 8:22-25** One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

### I. FINDING FAITH IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

**Luke 8:22** One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out.

#### *A. You can be in the will of God and still find yourself in the middle of a storm.*

- 1.) **Do not let the storm you are in keep you from where God wants you to be.**

- Stay on course!

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- 2.) **Just because it seems like Jesus is not doing anything it does not mean He is not there.**

- You can still find peace when the storm is raging.

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#### *B. There is real danger in strong storms.*

- 1.) **You can be the right person and not be the right person.**

- Just because I have not done what he is done does not mean that I could not do what he did.

**Luke 8:24** The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

## **2.) Faith can seem frail when storms are strong.**

- Be careful that you do not put more faith in the power of your storm than in the power of your Savior.

**Luke 8:24** The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

**Psalms 89:9** You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

## ***C. Jesus is greater than any storm you face.***

### **1.) Look to the Captain and not to the waves.**

**Luke 8:25** "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

### **2.) Where is your faith?**

- Is your faith in life?
- Is your faith in the weather?
- Is your faith in people?
- Is your faith in the ship?
- Don't abandon the ship!

### **3.) The storms of life may shape your faith, but they do not have to shake your faith.**

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- Storms have a way of bringing us closer to Jesus.

**Isaiah 53:3-5** He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

- Do not allow the storm you are facing to keep you from the face of Jesus.