



Luke 8:22-25

Everybody Talks About The Weather!

Randy Travis, *"As long as old men sit and talk about the weather, ...old women will sit and talk about old men."*

Mark Twain, *"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."*

- **Luke 8:22**, After a tiresome day of teaching, Luke writes, “*Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.*”
- **Mark 4:36**, Mark writes, “*...there were also with him other little ships.*”
 - Many witness the events about to occur

Sea of Galilee

- 13 miles long
- 6 miles wide
- 700 ft. deep



Sea of Galilee Coastline





- **Luke 8:23**, “**But as they sailed he (Jesus) fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.”**
- **Matthew says, “tempest” & “waves beat into the boat”**



Picture the Scene

- *Darkness*
- *Dashing waves*
- *Howling winds*
- *Heaving and tossing of the ship*
- *Fears and cries*
- *Bodies thrown about like balls in the air*

There Came Down a Storm...

Luke 8:23

- **Luke** “storm” (*lailaps*) meaning, “whirlwind, hurricane”
- **Matthew** uses “tempest” (*seismos*), meaning “a commotion, of the air, a gale; an earthquake”.
- **Mark** uses (*lialaps*) but also modifies it with (*megas*), or a “mega storm”.
- **Luke** uses “filled” (*sumpleroo*), meaning “to swamp a boat”.
- **Mark 4:37**, uses “full” (*gemizo*), meaning “to fill entirely”.

- **Luke 8:24a**, finally *“they came to him and awoke him, saying , Master, Master, we perish?”* (Mark says, *“carest not we perish?”*)
 - They were desperate
 - Turned to Jesus for their salvation
 - Couldn't wait any longer and woke him
 - Feared for their lives

SOUND FAMILIAR, it should???

We Have Storms in Our Lives

- **Health issues**
- **Death**
- **Friends move away**
- **Loneliness**
- **Friends hurt us**
- **Disobedient children**
- **Family**
- **Brothers and sisters in Christ that cause troubled waters**
- **Job Loss**
- **Divorce**
- **Broken Homes**
- **Financial problems**
- **Property**

Need to Be As Desperate As The Apostles

- **Psa. 69:1-2**, David wrote, *“Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.”*
- **2nd Cor. 1:9-10**, Paul said, *“...we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us . . .”*
- **John 14:6**, Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh to the father, but by me.”*

NO ONE ELSE CAN SAVE US!!!

He Rebuked the Wind

- **Luke 8:24b**, After being awakened by the apostles, “*he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.*”
- **Mark 4:39**, Mark writes , “*Peace, be still*”
 - The word “peace” (*siopao*) literally means, “hush”, “be quiet!”
 - Strange feeling of a calm after a storm.
 - Full of fear one minute are now silent. Impending disaster changed in a single utterance from the Master

They Found Comfort in His Humanity

- **Heb. 4:15**, *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”*
- He understands our weakness as humans.
 - **Jesus needed to sleep as a man, God never sleeps, Psa. 121:4.**
 - **Jesus became tired as a man, John 4:6; 4:14, God never tires, Jer. 32:17.**
 - **Jesus was thirsty as a man, John 4:15; 19:28, God never needs sustenance, Psa. 50:12.**

They Found Comfort in His Deity

- They didn't understand
- He didn't need a staff or a mantle like others
- He only needed His word
- **Hebrews 4:12**, *“the word of God is quick, & powerful, & sharper than any two edged sword.”*
- **Romans 1:16**, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”*

JESUS SPOKE

“Great tempest” became a “great calm.”.

Just Rebuked or Spoke

- **Luke 8:24**, “He rebuked the wind and the raging water”
- **Luke 4:39**, Simon Peter’s mother in law, he “rebuked the fever; and it left her...”
- **Mark 9:25**, In the small boy, “he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.”

WHAT POWER!

- **Luke 8:25**, “*And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*”
 - He rebuked the storm, then His disciples
 - Fear and faith can never exist together

They Lacked Faith Often

- **Matt. 8:26**, *“Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?”*
- **Matt. 6:30**, *“Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?”*
- **Matt. 14:31**, **Peter** said, *“If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.”*
- **Matt. 17:20**, **Jesus** said to them, *“Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”*

Vs. 25, *“What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”*

- All creation obeys God except one, Man
- Apostles feared the storm, now fear Jesus
- They should have known:

**NO STORM TOSSED SHIP COULD SINK
WITH JESUS ON BOARD!**

WHY Couldn't They See This? WHY?

Question is: Are We Any Better?

- Waves of the world rage against the church,
- We are just as fearful that it will capsize.
- Yet the world will never prevail in overwhelming the church
- Why? Because (like that ship) Christ is in it!
- **Matt. 16:18**, Jesus said, “...*the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*”
- **Psalm 46:1-11**

How Impressed is God With Our Faith?

- **Heb. 11:1**, *“Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.”*
- **Heb. 11:6**, *“...without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”*

***He Will Never Fail Us,
If We Have Faith In Him!!!***