

## **JESUS CALMS THE STORM.**

**Sunday, 26 April 2020.**

### **Luke 8:22-25 (ESV)**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, 23 and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. 24 And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

### Lukas 8:22-25 (1983)

Op 'n dag het Jesus en sy dissipels in 'n skuit geklim en Hy het vir hulle gesê: 23 “Kom ons gaan na die oorkant van die meer toe.” Hulle vaar toe weg, en terwyl hulle seil, raak Jesus aan die slaap. 'n Hewige stormwind het op die meer losgebars en die skuit het vol water begin word sodat hulle in lewensgevaar was. 24 Hulle gaan toe na Jesus toe en maak Hom wakker met die uitroep: “Meneer, Meneer, ons vergaan!” Toe staan Hy op en bestraf die wind en die golwe. 25 Hulle het bedaar, en daar het stilte gekom. Toe sê Jesus vir hulle: “Waar is julle geloof dan?” Maar hulle was verskrik en verbaas en het vir mekaar gesê: “Wie is Hy tog? Hy gee bevele aan wind en water, en hulle is aan Hom gehoorsaam!”

**Observation 1: Jesus was in the boat.**

Jesus is in your boat! He said I will never leave you nor forsake you! Jesus is in it with you. You are not alone.

**Observation 2: Jesus set the direction.**

Let Jesus set the direction of your life. Reflect on your life during this season and ask Him to direct your decisions.

**Observation 3: Jesus was not stressed out.**

Storms does not stress Him out. He knows what is going on – and He did not lose control.

**Observation 4: A windstorm came down.**

Dangerous Storms will come in life! It's not a matter of 'if' they will come, but a matter of 'when' they will come.

**Observation 5: The disciples thought "this is the end."**

You may sometimes feel "this is more than what I can handle." Although this is human, it shouldn't stop there – Jesus is near!

**Observation 6: Jesus calmed the storm with His Word.**

His Word can bring about change in a situation and bring calmness to our hearts.

**Observation 7: Jesus asked the disciples why they didn't have faith.** Jesus' reaction suggests that faith was required here. Faith is also required in the storms of life. Trust in what God says.

**Observation 8: The disciples marveled at Jesus.**

May we continue to marvel at who Jesus is. May we continue to be amazed at His beauty and glory as our King of majesty.

**Observation 9: They acknowledged His authority.**

May we continually acknowledge that Jesus is Lord and that He has ultimate authority and rulership in the world and in our lives.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Warm-up: Share your most embarrassing moment!
- Covid-19 pandemic set aside... what other past world events do you think were “great storms” for their time?
- What has been the biggest challenge / disaster that ever hit your life and how did you get through it?
- Discuss the difference in reaction to the storm between Jesus and the disciples. Now discuss how we can respond better when the storms of life hit us.
- Close your eyes and be silent for 2 minutes and ask “Lord, what do you want to say to me today? Share answers.
- Pray for each other, friends, and family.
- Pray for Worcester, South Africa, The world.

