

Jesus: A Friend of the Fearful
Series: Luke
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Today, as we look at Luke 8:22-25, we will learn how Jesus impacts our life no matter how bad or how many storms come crashing into our life.

1. Jesus is with us in the midst of the storm.

Luke 8:22-24a ²² *One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and started out.* ²³ *As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger.*

²⁴ *The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"*

Mark 4:38 *Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, "Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?"*

Though they were experienced fishermen, all they depended on for security was suddenly challenged and found wanting.

Where is Jesus when we need Him most? He is with us in the midst of the storm.

2. Jesus is with us in the midst of the calm.

Luke 8:24b-25 ²⁴ *When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm.* ²⁵ *Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?"*

The disciples were terrified and amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!"

Panic had blinded the eyes of faith.

If we are not careful, we can become controlled by fear.

2 Timothy 1:7 *For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

3. Reasons we can go to Jesus with our storms:

A. He has the power to overcome any storm.

B. He is always with us.

Hebrews 13:5 *Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."*

C. He is the Prince of Peace.

Philippians 4:7 *Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

D. He conquered the grave.

Our greatest enemy has been defeated.

Conclusion

The secret of the Christian life is to continue learning to walk by faith that is based on the Word of God and trust in the unseen spiritual realities that let us know Jesus is alive, present, and fully aware of the various storms in our life at this very moment.

Because of our faith, we know we may perish physically but we shall never perish spiritually.