

Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

"Faith to Reach the Other Side"

Today's Big Question: Have can you survive the storms of life to reach your destiny?

Passage Setting: "The calming of the wind is the first of four miracles in vv. [22-56](#) that demonstrate Jesus' authority over a variety of phenomena—nature, demons, disease, and death. This first miracle took place on the Sea of Galilee. Cool air rushing down the ravines and hills of the area collides with warm air, causing sudden and strong storms. Even the experienced fishermen in the boat feared this kind of storm."¹

Luke 8:22-25 (NKJV); Wind and Wave Obey Jesus

²² Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. ²³ But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling *with water*, and were in [a]jeopardy. ²⁴ And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!"

Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ But He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

Faith to Reach the Other Side. 6 Storm Survival Tips...

1. **Understand that a storm often p_____ p_____** (v. 22-23).
 - One thing to realize is that as you begin to make progress, a storm will often emerge in your path to destiny.

Scripture Insight: the other side. Jesus and His disciples were on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. To escape the crowds for a brief respite, Jesus wanted to go to the eastern shore, which had no large cities and therefore fewer people.²

¹ Quote from Thomas Nelson, NKJV Study Bible.

² Quote from John MacArthur Study Bible.

2. **One storm secret: Storms actually p_____ you for the other side** (v. 22-23).

- Did you realize that Jesus actually sent His disciples into the eye of the storm?
- A storm that God allows is always for a reason.

7 Shocking Benefits of Severe Storm in Your Life:

- 1) Storms help provide clarity on what's really important in your life.
- 2) Storms inspire passionate praying from fearful disciples.
- 3) Storms help you to realize the brevity of life.
- 4) Storms help blow the rough edges off of your character.
- 5) Storms provide a wake-up call when you are seeking happiness above holiness.
- 6) Storms can help redirect your path when you feel lost at sea.
- 7) Storms are shaping you for what lies ahead.

James 1:2-4; ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

I Peter 4:12; ¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

3. **When you are in a storm, make sure that _____ is in your boat** (v. 22-23).

- Without Jesus, you are going to drown!
- Without Jesus, you can do nothing!
- Without Jesus, you can't make it to the other side.
- With Jesus, you can walk on water.
- With Jesus, you can thrive in the midst of the storm.
- With Jesus, you can have peace in the midst of conflict.

4. **When your _____ seems out of control, realize that _____ is still in control** (v. 23).

- What do you do when God is silent in your storm?

- Why was Jesus sleeping? Was it because He needed rest or was it because the disciples need to learn a lesson?
- A windstorm came—storms are frequent on the Sea of Galilee. Storms will be frequent in your life.

Scripture Insight: *furious squall came up.* Situated in a basin surrounded by mountains, the Sea of Galilee is particularly susceptible to sudden, violent storms. Cool air from the Mediterranean is drawn down through the narrow mountain passes and clashes with the hot, humid air lying over the lake.³

- They were filling with water—why did they wait so long to wake up Jesus? Isn't that what we do in our lives? We wait until the situation is already way out of control before we ask for God's help?

Proverbs 27:12 (NLT); A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

- They were in jeopardy—often the trial gets to a breaking point just before you have your break-through point.

5. **It takes just a _____ for everything to change in your _____** (v. 24).

- Jesus was sleeping but he wasn't fully *asleep*—He was aware of what was going on.
- The disciples were terrified—*Master, Master, we are perishing!*
- One truth they forget in the storm—those who believe in Jesus shall never perish!

John 3:16—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- Jesus silenced the storm—He rebuked the wind and the raging of the water.

Scripture Insight: *Peace, be still* (Σιῶπα πεφίμωσο); literally, Be silent! be muzzled! The Greek perfect implies that before the word was uttered, the thing was done by the simple fiat of his will preceding the word. The combined descriptions of the synoptics show that the storm was very violent, such as no

³ Quote from NIV Study Bible.

human power could have composed or stilled. So that these words indicate the supreme authority of Christ as God, ruling the sea with his mighty power. Thus Christ shows himself to be God.⁴

6. The **s_____** and scope of your **s_____** is measured by your **_____** in Jesus (v. 25).

- Why did Jesus ask the disciples, "Where is your faith?"
- The Word of God:
 - 1) The **powerful** word-They had witnessed Christ's miracles.
 - 2) The **living** Word-They were with Christ Himself.
 - 3) The **spoken** word-They had the promise of Jesus.

Psalm 65:7; You who still the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.

Psalm 89:9; You rule the raging of the sea;
When its waves rise, You still them.

Psalm 107:28-30 (NLT); ²⁸"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

²⁹ He calmed the storm to a whisper
and stilled the waves.

³⁰ What a blessing was that stillness
as he brought them safely into harbor!

The after effect of the storm:

1. Their **fear** of the storm was turned into **faith** in the Savior.
2. Their **mystery** was turned into **marvel**.
3. Their **circumstance** was turned into **providence**.

Sermon in a Sentence: Hope floats as long as Jesus is in your boat!

Make a decision this week? Please let us know on your Connection Card.

Preview for next Sunday: "When the Devil Tries to Derail Your Destiny" from Luke 8:26-39.

⁴ Quote from Pulpit Commentary from Mark 4:39.