

Week 4: THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE
DAY 3: PEACE THROUGH THE STORMS

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, 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. 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. 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?"

In this account, it is completely understandable that fishermen and their companions would be terrified by a windstorm in a small boat. Of course, Jesus was with them, but He was fast asleep when the trouble came. In this circumstance, it is extremely likely that there was little hope of safety. The variable that they had not considered is that Jesus, God Himself, was with them. Of course, it was God Himself who created everything, including the water and the wind. The Gospel of John reveals that there was nothing created that was not created by Jesus Himself. That changes the situation, to say the least. The wind had listened to His voice before when it came out of nothing. The wind and waves recognized the voice of their Creator and calmed.

Jesus promises that He is with us always. In fact, the Holy Spirit dwells inside of believers. That means the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and created all that is in existence is inside of us. Trials in this life may cause us to get wet, but they will not cause our souls to drown. When we are with Jesus, we have peace regardless of the wind and storm.

FAMILY TABLE TALK QUESTION

What things in life cause us to fear that Jesus ultimately has authority over?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that God will reveal His closeness to you through His Holy Spirit.
- Pray that God will give you His peace in every circumstance.

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