

Hope in the Storm

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Text: Matthew 8:22-25

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. **23** As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

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

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. **25** "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Note the *truths* we can learn from storms:

I. Storms are universal—they come to us all.

- A. No one knows if they will face a storm
- B. No one knows when they will face a storm

II. Storms are scary because no place is totally safe.

- A. One can follow all the safety protocol and still not be safe.
- B. Even the things in which we put our trust can fail us.

III. Storms are most powerful for those within

- A. No matter how bad a storm looks from without—it is far worse for those within.
- B. Being in the midst of the storm is overwhelming.

IV. Jesus stands with those who are in the middle of the storm.

- A. Jesus is unmoved by the storm, but moved by our cries.
- B. Jesus is faithful to help us even when the fear and destruction of the storm consumes us.

Conclusion

Of all the *truths* we have learned from living through storms, no truth is greater than the fact that Jesus is with us through it all.