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In the Storm
Luke 8:22-25
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart

and lean not on
your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make
your paths straight.

-Proverbs 3:5-6



This week we return to our study of Luke picking up where we left off in Chapter 8. In this passage Jesus is sailing across the Sea of Galilee with his disciples when a storm comes up unexpectedly. Jesus is asleep in the boat and his disciples wake him up fearing for their lives. Jesus rebukes the wind and waves and everything becomes calm. This is a different type of miracle than the disciples had seen from Jesus. It has a major impact on their young faith. Join us this week as we explore what it means to have a faith that trust God to be in control of all things.

LUKE 8:22-25

Stilling of a Storm

22 One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples and said to them, "Let's go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, 23 and as they sailed he fell asleep. Now a violent windstorm came down on the lake, and the boat started filling up with water, and they were in danger. 24 They came and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are about to die!" So he got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they died down, and it was calm. 25 Then he said to them, "Where is your faith?" But they were afraid and amazed, saying to one another, "Who then is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him!"

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why do you think Jesus was asleep?
9. How serious was the danger of the boat filling with water?
10. What might indicate that this was an unbelievably bad storm?
11. When they woke Jesus what do you think they expected Him to do?
12. What was the purpose of Jesus' question "where is your faith"?
13. What does the last part of verse 25 tell us about the disciples level of understanding of the person of Jesus?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. It is easy to say we believe in God who is in control of all things. What does it look like to really live this way?
15. How do you think this experience had a different effect on the disciples than when they watched Him heal people that are sick? Have you ever had this type of experience with God?
16. What part of this account is most significant to you? Why?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes