

Thriving in the Storm

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Matthew 8:23-27

23 Then he (Jesus) got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 He replied, "**You of little faith, why are you so afraid?**" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. 27 The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

I. STORMS HAPPEN

Matthew 8:24

Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat...

John 16:33

"... In this world you will have trouble..."

Matthew 7:25

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house..."

2. JESUS HAS POWER OVER THE STORM

Matthew 8:26

... [Jesus] got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

John 16:33

"... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Matthew 7:25

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

3. FAITH OVERCOMES FEAR OF THE STORM

Matthew 8:25-26

25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 He replied, "**You of little faith, why are you so afraid?**" ...

Mark 5:36

Jesus told [Jairus], "**Don't be afraid; just believe.**"

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

4. STORMS MATURE US

Matthew 8:27

The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Ephesians 4:14-15

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind ... 15 Instead ... we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Romans 5:3-4

3 ... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.