Series "Knowing The Exact Truth" "A Storm With Jesus" Luke 8:22-25 Study-32

All 3 Gospels record "The Storm"

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

What Usefulness is There in Going Thru A Storm?
So That We Might Grow Spiritually
So That We Might Know Jesus Better
So That God Might Be Glorified Through Our Weakness

Luke 8 Miracles & Parables, Reveals "The Power of The Son Of Man"

Verses 1-21 His Power As A Preacher Verses 22-25 His Power As The Creator Verses 26-39 His Power As A Deliverer Verses 43-48 His Power As A Healer

Verses 40-42, 49-56 His Power Over Death

Thought Of Our Passage: "Believers In A Storm Can Experience God's Peace Because Peace Is Found In The One Who Calms The Storm"

I Want To Glean Nine Lessons From This Storm:

Luke 8:22 Now on one of those days Context – Jesus gave "Parable of The Lamp" – **Luke 8:16-18**

Also recorded in **Mark 4:21-25**; Then **Luke 8:19-22** injected the event "Relationships" **Context –** According to Mark's Gospel

Mark 4:1, 35 when evening had come, He has an appointment Verses 26-39 country of the Gerasenes

Jesus and His disciples got into a boat,

Jesus has been sitting in the boat so now the other disciples join Him in the boat.

and He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they launched out. Jesus was on the Western side of the sea of Galilee and retreats to the Eastern side. This is a distance of about six miles. This was a relatively uninhabited area.

Faith Must Be Tested! A Faith That Can't Be Tested Can't Be Trusted: "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." The disciples are students of a mobile seminary.

#1. Security Of Knowing That Jesus Led Me Into This Storm:

"Let us go over to the other side." The Storm Was Initiated By Jesus' Command.

The Command Contained A Promise: "Let us <u>Go over</u> to the other side" not "Go under"

We will go over! This was a promise from God to them.

1 Corinthians 10:13

#2. Security In Obedience That I Followed Jesus Into My Storm:

So they launched out. Disciples acted in obedience to Jesus, **1 Peter 4:19**

Lesson Of The Storm - We Can Trust Jesus With Our Lives!

Mark 4:36 and other boats were with Him. Only Mark's Gospel mentions these.

We may miss the other boats, but God does not.

Luke 8:23 He <u>fell</u> asleep; "He fell off into sleep" Jesus was exhausted from teaching all day. Mark gives the detail **Mark 4:38**

This passage reveals the humanity of Christ.

and a fierce gale of wind descended on the lake, The Sea of Galilee (fresh water lake) is North to South 13 miles, East to West 8 miles, and is 628 feet below sea level. Like no other lake in the world, it's surrounded by mountains with steep gorges with deep ravines. The winds, without notice, are known to kick up and produce waves 10 feet in size; the Eastern side is the steepest set of hills. (Cold air meets warm air)

fierce gale of wind "a hurricane of wind, whirlwind, a tornado" Matthew 8:24

(The Amplified Bible) Luke 8:23

and they began to be swamped only Luke uses this nautical term for "the boat was filling up with water" It is describing a losing battle, fill faster than bailing out water

and to be in danger. The waves kept breaking on the boat

Storms Should Not Surprise Us! 1 Peter 4:12

"Am I in this storm because of Obedience or because of Disobedience?" Is This A Storm Of <u>Correction</u> Or <u>Perfection</u>?

Storms of Correction: Brought on because of sin. God loves us so much that He will not allow us sin successfully.

Storms of Perfection: Brought on by God, to make us more like Jesus. (This Case)

Luke 8:24 They came to Jesus and woke Him up,

#3. Our Storms Should Drive Us To Jesus:

They came to Jesus Some of these disciples were fishermen. **Hebrews 4:16**

#4. In A Storm We Can Experience The Peace Of Jesus:

and woke Him up, Here was a storm that was filling the boat.

Genuine Peace In A Storm: Jesus had peace because He knew that His life was in the hands of the Father. Acts 12:6-7

False Peace In A Storm: Jonah 1:4-6 Jonah was sound asleep during a storm.

Nothing can touch me outside of Jesus' permission Job 1-2, John 14:27

saying, "Master, Master, (Lord) That was the right thing to do, was to come to Jesus.

#5. Hold On To God's Word In The Storm:

"we are perishing!"

"in the process of perishing" Luke 8:22 "Let us go over to the other side of the lake."

Matthew 8:25 "Save <u>us</u>, Lord; <u>we</u> are perishing!"
Mark 4:38 "Teacher, do You not care that <u>we</u> are perishing?"

Matthew 10:29; John 11:21,32

#6. We Have The Assurance Of His Presence:

Jesus was right there with them in the storm.

When Jesus is with you, your boat will never sink, He will not allow us to go under.

Psalm 23:4 for <u>You are with me</u>; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

#7. Jesus Hears Us When We Call:

And He got up What woke Jesus up? It was the cry of His disciples Psalm 34:15 <u>His ears are open to their cry</u>.

the word **rebuked** is the same word used for casting out demons.

#8. When We Look To Jesus, We Will See His Power:

and they stopped, and it became calm. Mark 4:39 it became perfectly calm.

Luke 8:25 And He said to them, "Where is your faith?" literally "Where are your convictions of who God is and what He can do!" Implies they should not have been terrified! **Matthew 8:26**

What Good Is Faith in God If It Does Not Help Us In Our Storms?

Their fear was natural but not spiritual!

Why did Jesus get in their face? Jesus had been spending a lot of time with them, a lot of private time; they had listened to "The Sermon on the Mount"

The Key To The Storm: Our Ship Can't Sink With Jesus In It!

They were fearful

What really scared them was not so much the storm but the calm.

and amazed, "to astonish, to marvel" blew my mind!

#9. The Storm Should Leave Us Wanting To Know Jesus:

that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?"

The disciples will get their answer in a few hours; an encounter of the demon possessed man **Luke 8:28**

Scripture Tells us who Jesus is in Psalm 65:7; Psalm 107:24-30; Colossians 1:16-17

Application:

- 1. God Permits Storms So That We Might Grow Spiritually. So That We Might Know Him More Deeply. So That God May Be Glorified Through Our Weakness.
- 2. When We Encounter A Storm It Should Lead Us To Question: Is This Storm A Result Of Obedience Or Disobedience? Is This Storm, A Storm Of Correction Or A Storm Of Perfection?
- 3. What Good Is Faith If It Does Not Help Us In The Storms? Fear Looks At The Storm, Faith Looks At The Savior.