



KINGDOM LIVING

A DISCIPLESHIP PATTERN FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

LUKE 8:22-25

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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."

THE PROMISE

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."

Before there was a storm...

there was a promise.

- Sometimes obedience leads us into a storm.

THE STORM

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Storms are not interruptions to discipleship...

Often they are one of God's primary classrooms for it.

THE SOVEREIGN

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- **When suffering comes, are you evaluating God's character through your circumstances instead of evaluating your circumstances through God's character?**
- Jesus may calm the storm but he might not and we need to remind ourselves that he is still in the boat with us regardless

THE QUESTION

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- **Where did your confidence in Me go the moment the waves became bigger than My Word?"**
- Luke is revealing that every realm of creation submits to Jesus Christ.

Who is Jesus?

If He truly is the Lord of creation...

If He truly is the risen Messiah...

If He truly is the One whose Word never fails...

Then where is our faith?

Before there was a storm...

there was a promise.

The storm never cancelled the promise.

JAMES 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything

Going home reminders:

- **Challenges Often Arise Even When Following Jesus**
- **Challenges Reveal the Weakness (or Smallness) of Our Faith**
- **Challenges Can Drive Us to Jesus (and Strengthen Faith)**
- **Jesus Is Sovereign Over the Storms**

Following Jesus doesn't always take storm from us, but He is with us in them, uses them to grow our faith, and remains fully in control.