

Rediscover Jesus

Part 23: Jesus and the Storm | Luke 8:22-25

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Trust that Jesus is Lord over the storms of our lives.

I. The Storm (vv. 22-23)

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out,²³ and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger.

II. The Calm (vv. 24-25)

²⁴ And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.

²⁵ He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

Psalm 107:25-30 = For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

James 1:2-4 = Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

“It is an exaggeration to say that no one finds God unless suffering comes into their lives—but it is not a big one. When pain and suffering come upon us, we finally see not only that we are not in control of our lives but that we never were.

Over the years, I also came to realize that adversity did not merely lead people to believe in God’s existence. It pulled those who already believed into a deeper experience of God’s reality, love, and grace. One of the main ways we move from abstract knowledge about God to a personal encounter with him as a living reality is through the furnace of affliction.”¹

1 Timothy 2:2-4 (NLT) = Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

Life Application

1. What storms have you faced in the past? Remember and praise Jesus for his past faithfulness.
2. What storms are you facing right now? Cry out to Jesus and proclaim the gospel to yourself.
3. What storms are those around you facing? Draw near to them to listen, pray, and point them to Jesus.

¹ Timothy Keller, *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* (New York: Riverhead Books, 2013), 5.