

SERMON NOTES: THE PERFECT STORM

Series: Luke: The Gospel of Knowing For Sure

Date: October 25th, 2015

Text: Luke 8:22-25

Theme: Assurance in Life's storms. Jesus is Lord of the storm

1. **A Divine storm** : Jesus got into the boat knowing the storm was coming. Jesus as Lord is fully aware of what's coming. It doesn't take Him by surprise.

2. **A Purposeful storm**

3. **The Contrast of Divine Rest**

4. **Fear and Faith**

5. **Who is this?**

SMALL GROUP HOME WORK:

These questions will help prepare you for your Small Group session this week – so bring your answers with you to your Small Group meeting.

RELATE:

This storm story is a learning experience for sure. Experiencing difficulty is very different than simply reading about it. Share a time when you found yourself in a life storm. Are you in one now?

REFLECT:

1. Does our faithfulness to the Lord guarantee protection from harm? Did John the Baptist's faithfulness protect him in Luke 7:18-20? Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-29. What are some of the ways Paul suffered because he was faithful?
2. Describe the way the storm came upon the boat. What was the occupation of these disciples? How does this help us understand the severity of the storm?
3. Read Luke 8:23-25 and Matthew 8:26-27 and Mark 4:39. What things are common to all the gospels? What does Mark include that the others leave out?
4. What did Jesus do to bring an end to the storm? How quickly did it end? How do all three writers describe the sea after Jesus spoke to it? What does this tell us about the magnitude of this miracle?
5. What question do they raise about Jesus because of this miracle (Psalm 89:9)? Why are they still afraid even after the storm has ceased (Luke 8:25; Mark 4:41)?
6. Read Luke 8:25. What question does he ask his disciples? Is He suggesting that their faith would have stopped the storm or is He suggesting it would have caused them to trust knowing He was in control? Have you ever had to choose faith in the midst of struggle? What did it look like?
7. How did this particular passage help show you that Jesus is in fact worthy of your trust/faith?

RESPOND:

What was the most important lesson that you think Jesus intended his disciples to learn from this?

Are you facing any struggles where God may be asking, "Where is your faith"?

Have you ever felt like God was asleep in the middle of a struggle you were having? Has it ever seemed that he just wasn't listening, acting, or caring about what you were going through?