

Luke 8

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Highlight- Luke 8:24-25: 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. 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?"

Explain- Jesus and His disciples were presumably on the Sea of Galilee in a boat as they were wont to do. The Sea of Galilee is in a unique geographic region that makes it susceptible to sudden, violent storms. On this occasion, Jesus was fast asleep on the boat when a storm came. The disciples in fear for their lives desperately woke Him like panicked children. First, He rebuked the wind and waves, but then He turned to them and rebuked them for their lack of faith. The disciples who had witnessed countless miracles of mainly healings up to this point for the first time realized that His power extended not just over the human body but over all creation.

Apply- When storms rage around us whether it is a tragedy in life, the loss of a job, sin adversely affecting us, or any other turbulent situation we find ourselves in, we know that Jesus is with us in the storm and that He has power over it. We need to have faith, which means trusting in Him to walk with us and shepherd us through the storm. Children look to adults in scary circumstances to see if they are panicked or calm, and their response to the circumstance normally is based on what they see in adults. Likewise, we must look to Jesus in scary circumstances to find the calm we need to move through the circumstance.

Respond- Father, as you lead us through the valley of the shadow of death, please give us the comfort from the Holy Spirit of knowing that you have control over all. We place our faith and trust in You. Walk with us and guide us through the storms of life.