

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Trusting Jesus in Uncertainty.

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Matthew 8:23-27 NIV

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Imagine waking up at your normal time, eating the same breakfast, driving the same route to work, and clocking in to work at the same time. About an hour into your day, you find yourself in a position where you could lose everything. Not to mention you recently decided to follow Jesus with your entire life. This is where we find the disciples in this story.

They went about what could look like their normal duties,

but Jesus was challenging them to do it in a different way.

Jesus was calling them to a new level of FAITH.

The disciples were sailing on a boat. A job that they could do with their eyes closed at this point because of the years of experience they carried.

But a storm comes and they can't see a way through.

The disciples didn't think they had the right training, tools, experience, or support for what was ahead. For clarity though, they were well seasoned fisherman who found themselves in a place of desperation!

**“Lord, save us!
We're going to drown!”**

It's interesting that in this moment Jesus is sleeping. He is silent (this is not a theological stance that Jesus doesn't snore).

Frequently we struggle with the feeling that Jesus has been silent; it's a struggle I hear from people often. Here is what we need to know: Just because Jesus isn't speaking directly to you about the storm, it doesn't mean He is not working through the storm.

What does this mean for us?

**We should choose
faith over fear.**

Jesus addresses the disciples saying that they are allowing

their fear of losing everything to overpower the faith they have, that they could have such a faith that offers peace in times of distress.

We all are finding more and more about how Jesus can work in our lives. The disciples even had a limited view of what Jesus could do.

v.27 “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and waves obey him!”

We can humble ourselves before the Father, knowing that He offers a “*peace which transcends all understanding.*”

When we choose faith over fear, He will lead us to peace.

I believe in the power of prayer; I want to challenge you to pray over whatever storm you are facing at this time.

Big or small, pray over it.

Pray this Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for this time in my life, I trust YOU with it. I may not know what it looks like to see through this time, but I have FAITH that you will provide a way through. God, I ask that you would give me PEACE through the storm.

In Jesus name, Amen.