

## **LUKE 8:24 -- WIND AND WAVES OBEY JESUS – STORMS IN THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD!**

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**Luk 8:22** Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out.

**Luk 8:23** But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

**Luk 8:24** And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "**Master, Master, we are perishing!**" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

**Luk 8:25** But He said to them, "**Where is your faith?**" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

**Mat 8:23-27** Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. [24] And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. [25] Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "**Lord, save us! We are perishing!**" [26] But He said to them, "**Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?**" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. [27] So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

**Mar 4:35-41** On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." [36] Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. [37] And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. [38] But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "**Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?**" [39] Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "**Peace, be still!**" ("be muzzled!") And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. [40] But He said to them, "**Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?**" [41] And they feared exceedingly (more afraid of the calm than they were of the storm!), and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

**Context/Biblical Background** -- We're shown this storm in **three gospels – storms in the perfect will of God!** Jesus has just taught the parable of the sower (the four soils) and the parable of the revealed light ("Therefore take heed how you hear."); the visit by Jesus' mother and brothers and definition of Jesus' real family! Now a storm! A storm in the area of the disciples' expertise!

**Are you terrified in your area of expertise today? – Terrified in the very core of your life?**

**He is faithful! Have faith in Him! Be confident that He will hear you when you call! That He will see you cross safely over to the other side! Stand on His promises that He has given us in His word!**

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- After hearing Jesus teach about faith, the disciples are in a storm where they need to apply faith. I suggest this storm was actually stirred up in hell because when Jesus rebuked it, He used the same phraseology as when He addressed demons (**Luke 4:35**).
- Yet even though Satan may have stirred up the storm in an effort to drown Jesus' ministry, the storm didn't bother Him. Neither did the devil.
- The only thing that bothered Him was the lack of faith in the hearts of His disciples. After all, He had told them they would go over to the other side of the lake.
- And when Jesus says a person is going over, he'll not go under. To us who cry, "It's not going to work," the Lord lovingly says, "**Where is your faith?**"
- Haven't I promised you that everything is working together for good to those who love Me? (**Romans 8:28-29**) **And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. [29] For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**
- Haven't I promised you that I will bring you to a glorious end? (**Jeremiah 29:11-13**) **For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. [12] Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. [13] And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.**

- Haven't I promised you that I will complete that which I've begun in you? (Philippians 1:6) *being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*
- Haven't I promised you that I will restore to you the years the locust has eaten (Joel 2:25) *"So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.*
- Haven't I promised you that no weapon formed against you shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17) *No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.*
- Haven't I promised to supply all your need (Philippians 4:19) *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus,* that if you seek Me first, everything will be added unto you (Matthew 6:33) *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*
- It wasn't the storm that troubled the Lord. Nor was it Satan. **It was the stumbling of faith in the hearts of those He had just finished teaching.** Faith and fear will both sail into the harbor of your heart.
- **Psalm 107:23-32**

#### SUMMARY:

- **What is your storm? Financial? Physical or emotional health? Relation issues? Family& kids?**
- **Don't let fear anchor in your heart or minds. How?**
- **Feed your faith and your fear will starve. – The direct answer for fear is faith! “We're going to get there!” He hears our voice in the midst of the noisy storm! It is a guarantee that He hears us when we call!**
- **Stay in the Word.**
- **Give your heart to the Word.**
- **Fill your mind with the Word and you will overcome the fears that attack you incessantly.**

#### **He Knows My Name – Maranatha Music (“And Hears Me When I Call!”)**

*I have a maker He formed my heart,  
Before even time began My life was in his hands*

*He knows my name He knows my every thought,  
He sees each tear that falls And hears me when I call*

*I have a father, He calls me his own  
He'll never leave me, No matter where I go*

*He knows my name He knows my every thought  
He sees each tear that falls And hears me when I call*

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