

When the Storm Hits

Luke 8:22-25 ▪ Sunday, July 13, 2025 ▪ Nat Porter

1. Storms in life _____ our _____ being.

2. Storms in life _____ our _____ faith.

3. Storms in life _____ Christ's _____ power.

4. Christ's presence _____ us in the _____ the storm.

Luke 8:22-25 (ESV)

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. 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?"

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Have you ever been in a truly dangerous or life-threatening situation (e.g., car accident, natural disaster, serious illness)? How did you respond in that moment — emotionally, mentally, spiritually?

Read & Discuss:

Luke 8:22-23:

1. Who initiated the boat trip according to verse 22, and how might that detail shape how we read what follows?
2. Verse 23 says Jesus fell asleep. Why do you think Luke includes this detail? What does it suggest about his humanity — and how does his sleep set the stage for what follows?
3. How does Luke describe the storm in verse 23, and what words or phrases show that the danger was real, not imagined? How does that affect your view of the disciples' response?

Luke 8:24-25:

4. In verse 24, when the disciples wake Jesus, what do their words and actions imply about their state of mind? What additional information about this is found in the parallel passages in Matt. 8:25 and Mark 4:38?
5. Would you say that the disciples waking Jesus was an expression of faith in him, or a lack of faith? Or a mixture of both? Why?
6. Jesus calms the storm with a rebuke. What does the manner of this deliverance tell us about His identity and authority? What Old Testament echoes or parallels come to mind?
7. Jesus asks, "Where is your faith?" (v. 25). What do you think He meant? In what ways was their faith lacking, weak, or misplaced? (See also Matt. 8:26, Mark 4:38)
8. How do the disciples respond to Jesus after the storm is stilled? What does their fear and amazement reveal? How is this response different from their earlier panic?

For Application:

9. Storms often expose what we really fear and trust. What kinds of "storms" (literal or figurative) test your faith today? How do you tend to respond when God seems silent or inactive?
10. What would it look like to trust Jesus more fully in the midst of your current storm? Reflecting on this passage, what would change in your thoughts, prayers, or actions if you anchored your faith in His presence and promises?

Pray:

Pray that God will give us the resolve to trust in His character and power as we encounter the storms of life.