

Things You Learn in a Boat

Matthew 8:23-27

I. You learn about yourself - 8:23-25

“When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, ‘Save us, Lord; we are perishing!’

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II. You learn about Jesus - 8:25-26

III. You learn the same lesson - 8:27

He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?’ Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. The men were amazed, and said, ‘What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?’”

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Life Group Study Questions

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1. Describe a time when you were out of control and it frightened you. What was the worst part of the experience?

2. Why did this encounter with the storm raise the stakes of discipleship for Christ's followers?

3. We often see "survival" as the biggest issue in storms. What does this passage reveal Jesus thinks is the biggest issue?

4. We are afraid of many things in this life. How do these things cause us to forget Christ and His power? Do you have a "forgetful faith?"

5. How could Jesus be truly asleep in this boat? Was He faking it? Why should His sleep encourage us?

6. What causes us to believe that difficult circumstances are an indication of Christ's lack of concern for us? Why does this argument fall apart when we recognize His authority over all things?

7. Jesus calmly tell the waves to hush and they are immediately still. How can He do this (Heb. 1:3)?

8. What storms are you presently allowing to rule your heart with fear? Why is it better to fear the One Who is in your boat?

9. Pray for one another that we would recognize that Jesus Christ is God and we would put our trust in Him.