

“Faith During the Storm”

Luke 8:22-25

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1. Have you ever been on a lake in a storm? Share your experience.

We know that Christians are not immune to troubles, trials and storms. (John 16:33) However, what makes this passage unique is that the disciples were following Jesus, right into the storm. Jesus was teaching them about having faith in the midst of the storm. This is why we can also think of this passage as a metaphor for the trials we have when following Jesus. He's not trying to trick us or make us miserable. He is inviting us to a life of grace, a life of trusting Him and encouraging others in the midst of storms. Because, let's face it, we're all going to face storms, even as we follow Jesus.

READ: James 1:3 and 1 Peter 1:7

2. According to these verses, what is the purpose of testing?
3. What was the one thing Jesus said that tells us they were encountering a test of faith?

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4. As we've already seen, both Daniel (Daniel 6) and his 3 friends (Daniel 3), faced huge storms. With some review, what lessons can we learn from how the 3 faced the fiery furnace in Daniel 3? What about Daniel facing the lion's den in Daniel 6?
5. How can these lessons help us when we're faced with a storm?

- When Jesus speaks, remember His words.

Jesus said, let's go over. He wasn't kidding. He can be trusted. If He said, "we're going over" guess what that means? We're going to get through this storm!

- When Jesus speaks, trust Him by acting upon His words.

Trust Him. This was their chance to live out what Jesus had been teaching them. Little faith only grows to big faith when it is stretched, grown, tested.

6. Whether in the group, or with a partner, share how storms/trials have helped your faith grow. Think of a time when your faith was stretched. Maybe it's been awhile, or maybe you're going through something right now. Let's encourage one another that there is "the other side".

7. What does acting on our trust look like?

Sometimes we can ask, "what is God trying to teach me?" Other times, we simply hold on and grow in a way we didn't know was possible. The Holy Spirit is our Guide and our Comforter. Just as Jesus was in the boat, we are never alone.

Pray for one another as we encourage each other through the real-life trials that come our way.