



**FACE-TO-FACE
WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?
LUKE 8:22-25
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Jesus expects His followers to have a storm-resilient faith.

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." - James 1:2-4

Steadfastness is the active, patient endurance of faith under pressure.

Storms challenge our faith.

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Sometimes the strongest storms come when we are exactly where God wants us to be.

Storms reveal our faith.

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Storms reveal:

- Do we trust God's promises?
- Do we trust God's presence?
- Do we trust God's power?



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Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him." - Mark 1:16-20

**Two rebukes in this passage:
Jesus rebukes the wind, and then He rebukes His disciples.**

The fear of the storm was greater than the peace of Jesus.

Storms uncover our need to know more about Jesus

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Questions we often ask in a storm:

- God, why is this happening to me?
- God, are You there?
- God, do You see what I'm going through?
- God, how much more can I endure?
- God, have You forgotten me?
- God, why aren't You doing something?

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"
- Matthew 11:2-3

Storms deepen our understanding of Jesus

- We enter the storm knowing Jesus as Savior, but we leave knowing Him as Sustainer.
- We enter knowing Him as Provider, but we leave knowing Him as Sovereign.
- We enter knowing Him through doctrine, but we leave knowing Him through experience.

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