"A GREAT WINDSTORM AROSE" (Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25)

(Mark 4:1-2, v35-5:1)

### INTRODUCTION

(Proverbs 3:25-26) "Do not be afraid of sudden terror (storms, fear), nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes, for the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught"

All of us have experienced unexpected (sudden) "windstorms" in life.

### 1. THE PROBABLY OF "STORMS" IN OUR LIFE

(v37) "And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat" (Matthew 8:24) "And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea"

We are heading into a storm, in a storm, or emerging from a storm.

## 2. THE PRESENCE IN THE "STORMS" OF OUR LIFE

(v38) "But He (Jesus) 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?" (1 Peter 5:7) "He cares for you" (Matthew 8:25) "Lord, save us. We are perishing."

In the midst of the storm, we ask, "Where is God in all of this?"

Answer: (Psalm 23:4, 46:1-3, 56:3-4; Isaiah 12:2; Hebrews 13:5)

We may follow Jesus and be in the midst of a storm at the same time.

## 3. THE PEACE IN THE "STORMS" OF OUR LIFE

(v39) "Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased and there was a great calm"

On this occasion, the "storm" ceased; however, what if the storm does not stop?

(John 16:33) "These things have I spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"

Sometimes God calms the storm, sometimes He calms me, and sometimes does both.

# 4. THE PURPOSE OF "STORMS" IN OUR LIFE

(v40) "He said to them, Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" (Luke 8:25) "But He said to them, Where is your faith?"

Storms remind us of our inability and God's ability.

They learned the lesson: (v41) "And they feared exceedingly ... " - were in awe.

# 5. THE PROMISE WHEN "STORMS" COME INTO OUR LIFE

The story began: (v35) "Let us cross over to the other side"
The story concludes: (5:1) "Then they came to the other side"

If Jesus names a destination, it's certain the disciples will arrive there. (John 14:1-3)