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Lesson Four • Matthew 8:23-27

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Jesus has AUTHORITY over the storms in our lives.

Who is like You, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and Your faithfulness surrounds You. You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, You still them. Psalm 89:8-9

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. Psalm 107:28-29

What We Often Forget in the Storms:

1. The Principle: Follow Jesus and Storms Will COME!

Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" Matthew 8:23-25

Two Reasons the Disciples Panic:

Their boat was SINKING and Jesus was SLEEPING.

And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He 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?" Mark 4:37-38

2. The Purpose: To Show Us Jesus Is GOD!

But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" Matthew 8:26-27

"Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?"

FEAR that triumphs over faith creates panic, but FAITH that triumphs over fear creates calm even in the midst of storms.

In the Storm, Faith Remembers:

- Jesus rules over DARKNESS. *Matthew 4:1-11 Matthew 8:28-34*

- Jesus rules over DISEASE. *Matthew 8:1-17*

- Jesus rules over DISCIPLES. *Matthew 8:18-22; 4:18-22*

- Jesus rules over DEATH. *Matthew 9:18-26*

- Jesus rules over DISASTER. *Matthew 8:26-27*

3. The Promise: You Will Never Be ALONE!

The Promise We Often Forget in the Storms:

Jesus does not promise to CALM every storm in your life, but that in the midst of the storms you will never be alone.

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." ~Jesus, Matthew 28:20

What Do You Fear Right Now?

Fight that fear by never forgetting WHO it is who ultimately rules and then resting in the boat Jesus takes you in.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17 NIV