



Sermon, Sunday June 26, 2022 “Jesus Calms the Storm”

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:23-27 ²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” ²⁶ And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

Introduction: Who is Jesus?

Faith is the process of getting to know Jesus Christ. In that respect, today's text relays a very meaningful event. Jesus heals the sick and demon-possessed in Capernaum. After that, he gets into a boat with his disciples and moves to the village across the Sea of Galilee. It is not easy to cross the Sea of Galilee because it is so wide. While traveling by boat to the other village, Jesus was tired and slept. Then there was a great windstorm. The disciples trembled in fear and woke Jesus up saying, “**Lord, save us! We are perishing.**” Jesus said, “**Why are you afraid, you of little faith?**” Then he rebuked the wind and the sea and calmed them. The disciples they were amazed, saying, “**What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?**” This is the content of today's text.

This event teaches a very important lesson in our faith. It shows who Jesus is, and faith is total trust in Him.

We are fragile and easily discouraged when difficulties arise, because we focus only on the problems we face. However, the Lord asks us to focus on Him rather than the problem through the events of today's text. We must not forget who Jesus is. Jesus is the Christ and our Savior. I hope it will be a time to check our faith in Jesus. So, what kind of person is Jesus shown to be in today's text?

Body: The Lord who calms the wind and the sea

1. Jesus is not indifferent to the lives of His children.

In fact, we may encounter many hardships along the way of faith. And as in today's text, we may face difficulties in our journey of faith with Jesus. Sometimes we think that Jesus is silent about our suffering. But we must be confident that our suffering will not last forever.

The reason we can have such faith is because Jesus is always noticing our sufferings.

I suffered from a cold last week. My wife, daughter and son all caught the cold too, along with me. My family had a hard time with the cold. So, whenever we see each other at home, we asked each other, “Do you have a fever? How about a cough? Do you have a runny nose? Do you feel any better today?” These are all inquiries about the health conditions of my family, expressing how much we care for each other. In the same way, the Lord takes care of all our circumstances. And He sees the situation and surely gives us a way to escape from problems. The Lord never turns away from the difficulties of His children.

Today's text also describes the appearance of the Lord who hears the cry of the disciples who are afraid in the windstorm and solves their problems. Please don't forget. The Lord is not indifferent to our lives. So, I hope



we have the faith to ask the Lord for help during difficulties. So, what kind of person is Jesus shown to be in today's text?

2. Jesus is always with us.

Today's text shows that Jesus is always near to us. It is when we do not have people around us to solve problems together, we feel the magnitude of the difficulties that come in our lives. In these situations, we experience even more intense anxiety and fear.

But the Lord knows better than anyone what our inner nature is. If you look at today's text, we can see that even the disciples, who have been fishing for a long time in the Lake of Galilee, feel anxiety and fear amid sudden difficulties. The Lord knows well that even though we seem to have a lot of ability and experience in life, we are easily broken in the face of difficulties.

The Lord knows that the disciples in today's text have little faith. In other words, He is aware of our shortcomings. So, we don't have to live pretentiously to be seen by others before the Lord. The Lord accepts us as we are.

So, the way we can overcome the fear within us is to be convinced that Jesus, who knows us better than we know ourselves, is with us now. Therefore, the Bible says fear is an attitude without faith. My dear brothers and sisters! Please remember Jesus, who is here with us now. So, what kind of person is Jesus shown to be in today's text?

3. Jesus is the Messiah.

Today's text proclaims to us that Jesus is the Messiah. All things are under the control of the Lord. So, at the words of Jesus, the wind and the sea became calm. All things obey the Creator's command.

It also shows clearly that no matter how great the winds and waves of suffering that are approaching us, we have no choice but to obey the words of Jesus. The fundamental problem of man can be solved only through Jesus Christ. So, we need faith to trust the Lord.

Please remember: True faith is absolute trust in Jesus. In today's text, when the disciples met a windstorm, they tried to solve the problem with their wisdom and strength. However, the disciples faced a limit. Then they woke up Jesus. Jesus said to the disciples, **“Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” (v.26)**. We are like the disciples in the boat on the Sea of Galilee today, with little faith and lack of ability. Nevertheless, the Lord loves such disciples and us.

Jesus commended two persons for having “great faith” during his three-year public ministry. Both were Gentiles, one a Roman centurion and the other a Canaanite woman.

Let's see Matthew 8:10. “I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.” In this verse, the Lord commended the centurion's faith that Jesus could heal his servants with just the word.

Also, when a Canaanite woman asked Jesus to heal her daughter, Jesus vehemently refused, saying, **“It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs.”**

But the woman said, **“Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”** Then Jesus answered, **“Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed that very hour. (Matthew 15:28)**

May we also have the confident faith in the Lord that the Gentile centurion and the Canaanite woman show us.



Conclusion: May we have more faith to trust in the Lord.

Now let's summarize today's sermon. Our life is not easy. From birth to death, there are many difficulties. But the Lord wants us to have peace and joy in our lives.

Although we make various efforts to enjoy peace and joy, we find that there are many instances when things do not work out as we think and want. That is why we pray that we will be able to trust the Lord as the solution to our fundamental problems. May the wisdom of seeing clearly who the Lord is who walks with us be evident to us.

