

Gospel of Matthew “The Wind and Waves Obey”
Matthew 8:23-27
November 13, 2022

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23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” 26 And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

Does it ever feel like God isn't paying attention?

Storms and God's love are not opposed to one another.

Genesis 50:20

20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.
Jesus resting in the storm allows us to rest.

Faith is the belief that Jesus is greater than any occasion.

Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Have you ever been in the middle of a severe storm, hurricane, or tornado? Were you scared?
- Have you ever gone through a personal difficulty that made you wonder whether God really cares for you?
- Why do we put God's love and difficult days at odds?
- When Jesus calms the storm, the disciples are terrified afterward. What was the disciples' concern?
- What encouragement can be experienced when we realize that Jesus is in the boat with us?
- How does the cross of Christ help us answer the question of whether God really cares for us?