



# REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

## SECRETS FOR SURVIVING STORMS LUKE 8:22-25

**INTRODUCTION:** Sometime in the coming year you are going to face what seems to be an insurmountable challenge. Today's familiar story reveals four significant insights for surviving life's storms.

### I. Exposition Of The Text (Luke 8:22-25)

Luke 8:22 "Now it came about on one of those days, that He and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' And they launched out."

Luke 8:23a "But as they were sailing along He fell asleep;"

Luke 8:23b "and a fierce gale of wind descended upon the lake, and they began to be swamped and to be in danger."

Mark 4:39 "And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Hush, be still.' And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm."

Luke 8:25 "And He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' And they were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, 'Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?'"

Psalms 107:28-30 "28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distresses. 29 He caused the storm to be still, so that the waves of the sea were hushed. 30 Then they were glad because they were quiet; so He guided them to their desired haven."

## **II. Truths To Remember When Storms Come**

### **A. Storms Are Natural, Expect Them**

1 Peter 4:12-13 “<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you, <sup>13</sup> but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.”

### **B. God Is Aware Of Our Storm, Call On Him**

Isaiah 45:6-7 “<sup>6</sup> That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.”

### **C. Storms Are Opportunities For Growth, Welcome Them**

Luke 22:31-32 “<sup>31</sup> Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

James 1:2-4 “<sup>2</sup> Consider it all joy my brethren, when you encounter various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing.”

### **D. God Will Deliver Us Through The Storm, Trust In Him**

Isaiah 43:2 “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you.”

Hebrews 6:18-20 “<sup>18</sup> In order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us. <sup>19</sup> This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, <sup>20</sup> where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Conclusion