

Sermon Reflections

Strength in the Storm (Matthew 14:22-33)

Summary: When the storms of life threaten your faith, take courage in Jesus' divine strength, not in your feeble faith.

Take Courage in Jesus' Strength, because:

1. Jesus Keeps Us by His Prayer (vv. 22-23)

- Why did Jesus make them get into the boat?
- Jesus expressed urgency for prayer, and an intimacy during His prayer time. Do you have the same urgency about prayer? Explain.
- The point was made that Jesus keeps us by His prayer. Why was this necessary? Does this still happen today?

2. Jesus Calms Us by His Presence (vv. 24-27)

- Has Jesus ever sent you into a storm? What lesson(s) did you learn from it? Was it worth the trip?
- After the long struggle against the wind and waves they were exhausted, yet that is when Jesus arrived. Why do you think that was?
- In the midst of a storm, it is easy to lose one's bearing and in life there is no difference. What was restored to them when Jesus arrived and entered the boat?

3. Jesus Rescues Us by His Power (vv. 28-33)

- When we are afraid and start to fail, do we cry out "Lord, save me"? Or do we tend to rely on our own strength? Why is that?
- What is the remedy for unbelief?
- Why can the faith of a true believer ultimately never fail?
- What is the relationship between our faith and Christ's intercessory work?
- What were the primary concerns of Jesus in His John 17 prayer?
- What did Jesus tell Peter about His prayer for Him? Does that apply to us today?
- What is Jesus' current ministry to His people?