



Matthew 8:23-27 (NIV)

Jesus Calms the Storm

²³ Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. ²⁴ Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

²⁶ He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

“Sometimes God calms the storm, but sometimes God lets the storm rage and calms His child.”

“The average child today has the same level of anxiety as the average psychiatric patient in the 1950’s”

Can one be happy and fearful at the same time? Can one think clearly and still be afraid? Confident and afraid? Compassionate and afraid?

To have God in our life, doesn't mean sailing on a boat with no storms, it means having a boat that no storm can sink!

When they saw the **courage** of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with **Jesus**. Acts 4:13



SERMON NOTES

AM I FEARLESS?

What if **FAITH**, not **FEAR**, determined your **FUTURE**?

Fear herds us into a prison of unlocked doors.

Fear is LOSS OF CONTROL: “Why are you afraid?”

Seismos – Mt. 27:51-54 & Mt. 28:2

Getting on board with Jesus sometimes means
getting soaked with Jesus

*In this world you **will** [not might, may or could] have trouble”* Jn 16:33

Fear undermines CONFIDENCE

Fear corrodes our confidence in GOD’S GOODNESS and
turns us into CONTROL FREAKS.

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” Mark 4:39

Fear creates SPIRITUAL AMNESIA

“Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the **lame walk**, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Luke 7:22

Courage needs CHRIST

Fear not, for I am with you. Isaiah 41:10