

Apprenticing Jesus || A Series Through the Gospel of Luke

Don't waste your storm!

Sermon Synopsis: God uses the storms in our lives to deepen our faith in Him—don't waste your storm!

Luke 8:22–25 (ESV)

There are storms in life (and storms can be unexpected)

Galilee: small lake with unexpected storms

Us: The winds of life can change all of a sudden

Sometimes you run into unexpected storms and find your boat filling with water

22-23 – he send them into it!

We take storms as a sign that God has abandoned us

"Master, Master, we are perishing!" (24)

That we're doing something wrong, or that our faith isn't "working" anymore

We can even be tempted to lose hope during the storms

But there's more to the storms in your life than you may think...

"Where is your faith?" (25a)

Faith is the ability to "see" what is difficult to see in the storm (Hebrews 11:1)

That there's *Someone else in the boat* with you! → Why did he need a storm tho?

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Storms can be a catalyst for your faith

22-23 is a vignette – **Between launch point and destination**...there's always a STORM

"Who then is this?" (25b)

Sometimes God's deepest work in us happens thru the heaviest storms around us

- We must reprogram the way we think about storms
- The "storm" isn't always a bad thing (We can't always control it, but we can choose to waste it)

There's times God must bring you through a storm to get you to your destination

– Calling

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"And they marveled" (25) – from worry to wonder

Whatever you're going thru today...

Your story doesn't have to end with a boat full of water;

it can end with a heart full of wonder

When an unexpected storm hits, ask yourself 1) "Where is God in this?" then 2) trust him with the process, and 3) persevere