

# WHY DO YOU FEAR?

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**Message Title:** Why do you fear?

**Message Text:** Luke 8:22-25

## Introduction:

*Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ we Must Embrace (22)

### A. Jesus is Always \_\_\_\_\_ (22a)

*Luke 8:22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples...*

*Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

*Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

*2 Timothy 4:16–17 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. 17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.*

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**B. Jesus' Word is Always \_\_\_\_\_ (22b)**

*Luke 8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.*

*Luke 8:22b ...and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.*

*John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

*Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

QUOTE: The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed. —Patrick Henry

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ we All Face (23-24a)**

*James 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*

**A. God Seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ (23a)**

*Luke 8:23 But as they sailed he fell asleep...*

*Psalms 121:4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*Mark 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?*

*Psalms 42:10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; While they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?*

**B. God's Word Seems to be \_\_\_\_\_** (23b-24a)

*Luke 8:23 ...and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.*

NOTE — Their present experience did not match the Word of Christ.

PRESENT EXPERIENCE

A Sudden Storm — unexpected, violent wind, hurricane

A Swamped Boat — sinking

A Serious Risk — at risk of damage, loss or death

**3. The Fear we Often \_\_\_\_\_** (24b-25)

**A. They Feared Despite Christ's \_\_\_\_\_** (24)

NOTE — These men were experienced fishermen

*Luke 8:24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.*

QUOTE: Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms his child. —Unknown.

*Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

Thou art the Lord who slept upon the pillow,  
Thou art the Lord who soothed the furious sea,  
What matter beating wind and tossing billow,

If only we are in the boat with Thee?  
—Amy Carmichael

## B. They Feared Despite Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (25)

*Luke 8:22b ...and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake...*

Where is your faith? (Why did you not exercise your faith)

*Luke 8:25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*

*Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?*

**Conclusion:** Why do you fear?

I \_\_\_\_\_ when I \_\_\_\_\_ to take Jesus at His \_\_\_\_\_.

### Questions to Consider:

In what specific situation am I failing to take Jesus at His Word?

How fearful am I? (1—————10)

Would Jesus ask me where is my faith?

Am I willing to take Jesus at His Word despite what I am seeing or feeling?

