



## Truth and Faith

Luke 8:22-25

- There is so much in the Gospel of Luke. Even though we are spending a significant amount of time in the book, it's still difficult to decide which stories to focus on. We started this series at the end of November 2025, and we will finish on Easter – in April of this year.
- We still won't be able to go through every major event that is recorded. That goes to show you the volume of this work.

- It's important to remember the context in which this Gospel was written. Luke interviewed and asked questions. Carefully detailing first hand accounts of Jesus' life and ministry.
- I remember having questions in college and at times struggling to make sense of things spiritually. There are competing ideologies that will lead you down a dangerous path if you aren't careful in guarding your heart.
- ***What helped me grow my faith more than anything was picking up God's Word and reading it for myself.*** Not depending on others to explain it to me, but doing the hard work of studying, researching, and praying.
- I believe if you do that, you'll come away realizing the overwhelming evidence for the truth of the Gospel.
- The disciples experienced something that tested and grew their faith her in chapter 8.

**Main Point: We can have faith in the Lord by looking to the truth of His Word.**

- There are several lessons we can take from this passage.

### I. **The Lord knows our direction**

- a. Notice the sequence of events here. Jesus wasn't just a passenger along for the ride.
- b. He was actively involved and initiated the decision to get in the boat and travel to the other side
- c. The same is true for our lives day to day.
- d. We are all going somewhere. Life is never on a plateau, spiritually speaking. But even if things seem slow or stagnant in a particular season of life, the truth is that the never ending drumbeat of progress is continuously unfolding all around us.

- e. Things are changing all around us. And those things not only change around us, but they also change within us.
- f. None of us can put a pause button on life.
- g. The only question is – where are we going. The good news is that God knows and sees it all.
- h. He is not passive. We can know for certain that God is active in the world – all around us. **Psalm 139 – Where can I go to escape your Spirit...**

## II. The Lord sees our struggles

- a. The Lord was sleeping in the middle of the storm that was taking place. Jesus must had been a heavy sleeper.
- b. It's clear that this was bad enough to cause a great deal of danger.
  - i. A sudden storm blew up. The lake of Galilee is subject to sudden storms, situated as it is some 700 feet below sea level and adjacent to mountainous regions. Cold air from the heights is apt to sweep down through the precipitous gorges to the east and it can whip up the seas in a short time. On this occasion the boat was being filled with water and the travellers were in great danger.
  - ii. Morris, Leon. 1988. *Luke: An Introduction and Commentary*. Vol. 3. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.
  - c. Mark records this phrase from the disciples – **do you not care if we perish?**

- d. Of course, Jesus cared. He knew exactly what was going on. But there is something important to remember here – Jesus saw their situation and took care of them.
- e. Sometimes in life, we may feel like no one sees what we are going through. It may not be that we want people to do anything other than just to show some compassion on our circumstance.
- f. Sometimes, it's not that people don't care about our circumstance – it's that people are limited in their scope and simply don't see our circumstance.
- g. Our peripheral vision is very limited. One experiment showed that if people were relying on their peripheral vision to see something important they would miss it every time. They had a man dress up in a gorilla costume. No one in the study noticed it in their peripheral vision. There's a few lessons here.
- h. The Lord sees it all.

### **III. The Lord is able to save**

- a. It's one thing to have compassion on the struggles of others, but it is another thing entirely to be able to fix their circumstances.
- b. If you were with me one on one – and there was a medical emergency – my options for helping or saving your life would be very limited.
- c. It's not that I wouldn't care. I would be devastated as most people would in those dire situations. It's just that I am not skilled at being able to intervene in those types of circumstances.
- d. Nearly half of all men surveyed believed they could land an airplane in an emergency situation.

e. There's no way.

IV. The first part of this chapter deals with responses to Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of God. In the second part, Luke provides three examples of Jesus' power and authority over every realm of existence. The first of these examples demonstrates Jesus' lordship over the forces of nature (compare Matt 8:23–27; Mark 4:35–41).

Miracles at the Sea of Galilee	
Jesus Calms a Storm	Matt 8:23–27; Mark 4:35–41; Luke 8:22–25
Jesus Walks on Water	Matt 14:22–33; Mark 6:45–52; John 6:16–21
The Miraculous Catch of Fish	Luke 5:4–11
A Second Miraculous Catch	John 21:1–14

**8:22 the lake** Refers to the Sea of Galilee.

**8:24 and it became calm** In the ancient Near East, the sea represented the forces of chaos; Jews believed the sea could only be controlled by Yahweh. Jesus' command over the storm signals His divine authority.

Barry, John D., Douglas Mangum, Derek R. Brown, Michael S. Heiser, Miles Custis, Elliot Ritzema, Matthew M. Whitehead, Michael R. Grigoni, and David Bomar. 2012, 2016. *Faithlife Study Bible*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.