The Storm that Rocked the Boat
Matthew 8:23-27
Sermon Outline
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A. The Calm Before the Storm (vv. 23-24):
1. Jesus gave orders to go to the other side. Nothing is now able to present them from getting there (Romans 10:17).
2. The disciples willfully and purposefully followed Christ.
3. They were willing to leave everything (Matthew 19:27-30).
4. Christ led them into their comfort zone.
5. These are the ones whom Christ wanted in the boat.
6. These are Christ’s students who are committed to conduct their lives under Christ’s leadership.
7. These are disciples who have made up their minds to trust, learn, and surrender their lives completely to Christ.
8. A person who has dedicated themselves to Christ to do whatever He tells them to do (John 15:1-11).
9. A person who has dedicated themselves to Christ with a willingness to suffer both internal and externally (Philippians 3:7-11). They were going to go wherever Christ goes no matter what.

B. A Storm no Man can Overcome (v. 25):
1. The storm came up suddenly and demanded their full attention.
2. The storm came with no warning.
3. The storm was as violent like a vicious earthquake.
4. With waves covering the boat there was no way they could get rid of the water fast enough.
5. Jesus was unconscious and was not planning to get up.
6. Jesus who is God-man must know as God that there is a serious problem. So as God-man He is demonstrating that there is no problem, in the problem, because He already told the disciples “to depart to the other side.’ (v. 18)
7. The disciples came to Jesus believing He alone is the solution.
8. They were in a dangerous position and they believed that He can deliver them.
9. Even though their faith is small Christ is still willing to help them.
10. They continuously and persistently pleaded with Christ to save them.
11. They did not call Him teacher like the scribe (verse 19) they referred to Him as someone who is endowed with power and dominion and has a lasting relationship with them.
12. They were demanding that Christ deliver them from what their experience tells them is certain death.
13. They believed that there was no way out of this storm unless Christ acted. This storm was so vicious it would destroy them. We must not lean to our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5).

C. The Stabilizer that Quiets Storms (vv. 26-27):
1. Jesus repeatedly ask the disciples why were they afraid. It did not make any sense to Christ for them to be afraid. If they truly believed that He is the Messiah then there is no way even from their teachings in Rabbinical school that the Messiah, without even finishing His mission from God, can die.
2. What Jesus was repeatedly saying to them is that He could not understand why they did not face the storm with courage? He saw in their spirit that they would run away when things get difficult and this is exactly what happened at the cross.
3. Because they had to wake Jesus up, Christ did not get up because He needed to get up, He got up because they needed Him to wake up to calm the storm.
4. Mark 4:39 says that Christ said “Quiet! Be still!” but both of them said He rebuked the winds and the sea.
5. Christ demonstrated that He has the same ability as God who caused the winds to dry the ground in the midst of the sea and separated the waters (Exodus 14:21).
6. Out of nowhere, no counter wind etc., everything was completely still.
7. Matthew seem to indicate that their actions were not that of true disciples.
8. They did not view that Jesus could only do this once. They believed that this powerful act manifested His true nature which is something they never knew was in Him.
9. We must get into the boat (whatever it maybe; the struggles of marriage, health etc.), surrender to Christ, place the problems in His hands, while we stay in the boat, in order to experience who Christ truly is.
10. We must remain in the storms to learn the power of Christ (James 1:2-4, 12).