**Jesus Calms the Storms of Life!**

**Online Bible Study: March 22, 2020**

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**Reading the Text**

Matthew 8:23-27

 23Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25The disciples went and woke him, saying, "LORD, save us! We're going to drown!" 26He 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. 27The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

**Getting into the Word**:

The disciples are with Jesus in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. A life-threatening storm whips on the water. They’re unprepared to face it and, panicking, realize they might die. The entire time this is happening, Jesus is sleeping peacefully.

* **What does this say about Jesus in times of crisis?**
* **What does it say about his disciples?**

**Discuss**: Jesus’ rebuke wasn’t because they didn’t believe Jesus could save them *from* the storm, but because they struggled to believe he would see them *through* the storm.

**Points to Consider:**

**1. God Has Power Over Storms.**

Challenge Statement: You might not be able to change your situation, but you can change your response.

**2. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus.**

Discuss: Where we look is often where we will leap.

**3. We’re in The Same Boat with Jesus.**

Discuss: When we only focus on one aspect of a situation, we run the risk of missing other important and better things.