

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE GOD DOESN'T CARE"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Faith, Difficulty, Hardship, Loneliness, Peace, Calm

Right On The Heels of His Teaching / Exhortation / The Parable of the Sower, Jesus Stressed the Need to be a Careful Listener.

Luke 8:18

Therefore take heed how you hear.

Luke 8:19-21

Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. :20 And it was told Him *by some*, who said, "Your **mother** and Your **brothers** are standing outside, desiring to see You." :21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."



Grk **Brethren** = delfu/β delphus - womb mates, siblings. family.

His Physical Mother and Physical Brethren

The Point, The Christian Life Transcends anything Earth Bound.

Matthew 13:55

Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His **mother** called Mary? And His **brothers** James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? :56 And His **sisters**, are they not all with us?

Jesus is Saying, The Family of God Supersedes Any Earthly Family Because We are Bound by the Spirit.

If Blood is Thicker Than Water,
Then The Spirit is Thicker Than Blood

Luke 8:22-25

Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. **:23** But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling *with water*, and were in jeopardy **:24** And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. **:25** But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

This Event is Mentioned in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and the best way to understand it fully is to overlay each account upon the other.

WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE GOD DOESN'T CARE

1.) Put the Lord back in our circumstance v.22-23

1a.) Realize that Jesus Christ is with us v.22

Now it happened, on a **certain** day, that He got into a boat **with** His disciples.

This "Certain Day" is a "Special Day"

Mark 4:35

On the (very) **same** day, when evening had come, He said to them,

"Now it happened, *(It Was Most Remarkable, Not a Normal Thing)* that on a certain day" *(a day appointed by God)*

The Scripture Here Suggests -
That There Had Never Been a Day Like This Day - Ever!

The Specifics of that Day was;
*Jesus had **taught** and **healed**, **rescued** and **delivered**. He had **encountered** and **expounded** and **illustrated** by parables...*

PUT THE LORD BACK IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCE

1b.) Listen to what the Lord Jesus is saying v.22

And He said to **them**, "Let **us** cross over to the other side of the lake."
And **they** launched out.

can I ask you -- who is they and who is us?

The Idea Seemed Fine to Them at The Start.

they were the fishermen, He was only a carpenter, *we can do this*

But What Was His Word To Them?

“Let us **cross over** to the other side of the lake.”

His Word was to be Enough - *they needed to learn that*

**Don't You Think if God is God
That He Can Speak to Our Hearts & Minds?**

we have to learn that, he speaks *in* the circumstances of life

PUT THE LORD BACK IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCE

1c.) Trust Him to do as He's promised

v.23

But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake,
and they were filling *with water*, and were in jeopardy

This had been a very long day for Jesus.

What a Great Picture we Have of Christian Service to the Lord
Jesus was Spent, Exhausted, but No Doubt Happy Because...

He Will Later Say...

John 8:29

He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone,
for I always do those things that please Him.”

Jesus went to sleep knowing
that He was near to His father on the sea as He was on the land.

Being In The Perfect Will of God
(You can sense His smile)

I Know It's True for Me, for Us...

Colossians 1:9-10

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you
may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; :10 that you
may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in
the knowledge of God;

And a **windstorm** came down (*came down or lit. funneled upward*) on the lake,
and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy



Grk windstorm - seismo/ß seismos, *sice-mos*´; an earthquake
a great commotion in air, land or sea.: — earthquake, waterquake or boil.

The Sea Had Become Impossible

Verse 23

they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy

In the ballad of the Edmund Fitzgerald,
Gordon Lightfoot sang... *"Does anyone know where the love of God goes
when the waves turn the minutes into hours"*

IT LOOKS LIKE GOD DOESN'T CARE

WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE GOD DOESN'T CARE

2.) *Take our eyes off the storms*

v.24-25a

2a.) *The driving thoughts that come against us*

v.24

And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are **perishing!**"
It's Almost Funny to Us, But Remember You're Sitting Here Right Now.
You're Not in a Boat at Sea - in a storm.

"Master, Master, *We* are **perishing!**"

"Jesus - you're in control, you're in control,
but we are all going to die!"

THE WHOLE THING IS GOING DOWN AND THAT MEANS YOU TOO

Mark 4:38

But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "**Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?**"

The Driving Thoughts
That Come Against in Life's Storms

Some Scholars Agree that This is None Other Than an Act of Blasphemy on the part of the disciples. they are accusing Jesus of not caring for them. it's equal to what happened just outside of Egypt, "have you brought us out here in the wilderness to kill us"

How Do We Get To This Point?

By Looking in the Wrong Direction!

2 Corinthians 10:5

take captive (put it in a cage) every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Judge It Against Jesus' Promise

TAKE OUR EYES OFF THE STORMS

2b.) The winds of emotion that blow us away v.24

Then He arose and **rebuked** the wind and the raging of the water.
And they ceased, and there was a calm

... as if the sea had ears!

Mark 4:39

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.



Grk Peace siwpaζw siopao, *see-o-pah'-o*; from siwph/ siope
be muzzled, silence, a colloquialism of our day - *back-off!*

a calm or a great calm, a usual calm

the word means a calm equal to the violence.

the calm was as great as the storm was.

even the calm was a miracle

Those "Santa Ana" Winds of Emotion

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; :7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(a miraculous calm of heart)

TAKE OUR EYES OFF THE STORMS

2c.) *The flood of doubt that brings us to despair*

v.25

But He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

Jesus is Not Being Rude Here. Earlier That Day
They had **Seen** and **Heard** the Greatest Things Ever

It Was Time That They Started Doing Faith.

We Cannot be His Disciples without Doing What He's Instructed.

According To Jesus,
"Their unbelief was more Scary than the Storm"

Romans 10:17

faith **comes** by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

that's how faith **comes** - - by hearing. but then faith gets up and goes!

*"faith must be **tested** before it can be **trusted**"*

This How a Doubting-Heart Reads The Bible

Matthew 8:22-24

But Jesus said to him, "**Follow Me**, and let the dead bury their own dead." :23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples **followed Him**. :24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves.

James - What was It That Jesus Said?

"Get in the boat and let us go... over! or was it under, did he say
under? look around you - he must have said under because there's water everywhere!!!

this is when **we** quit. this is when the **doubter** jumps ship. The **Husband** runs out. the **mother** gives up, the **church** compromises, the **nation** sinks!

WE CANNOT BE HIS DISCIPLES
WITHOUT DOING WHAT HE'S INSTRUCTED.

WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE GOD DOESN'T CARE

Look Again

WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE GOD DOESN'T CARE

3.) *Know the Lord who is your God*

v.25b

3a.) *He's the God of the Bible*

v.25

...And they were **afraid**, and **marveled**.

not the kind of "afraid" like dropping dead for fear
not the kind of "marvel" like a side-show circus.

Philippians 3:7-10

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. :8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ :9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; :10 that I may **know** Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,



Grk know - ginw₂skw ginosko, *ghin-ocē'-ko*; * to "know" with absolute confidence.
to allow without reservations *, to feel the lines of one's face.

like a blind man who wants to know what you look like

How Can a Blind Man Know That a Person is Beautiful?
by touching with the hands and following the lines

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us **the light of the knowledge** of the glory of God... (*how does that come to me*) **in the face of Christ.**

When Did the Apostle Paul See Christ?

When Jesus Christ Appeared to Paul, He Became Blind so He Could Come to Know Christ.

Hebrews 12:2

looking (beholding intently) unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith,

Psalms 46:10

Be still, and **know** that I *am* God;



Heb Know oAdly yada {, *yaw-dah* ; to discover the Lord where you're at. to find God in this thing. to discern the nearness of God.

The God of The Bible Is Not Found on a Shelf.
He's Found in the Very Issues of Life

That's Why Your Bible Should Never See a Shelf.
And Christian, You too, Should Never be "Shelving" Your Christianity

KNOW THE LORD WHO IS YOUR GOD

3b.) He's the Lord of the earth

v.25

they said to one another, "Who can this be?
For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

He's the Lord of the earth

But Jack, the world has gone insane.
a violent religion is sweeping the world, Israel is about to be attacked, Iran has declared that
America's end is near. and the new congress is raising our taxes
He Knows, He's Allowing These Storms, & Bigger Storms are Coming.

Christian, You Can Say to Yourself,

***"I know who this is - - He's the one who commands even the winds and water,
and they obey Him!"***

Listen to This and Believe It

Psalm 65:5-7

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, :6 who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, :7 who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,

Psalm 89:6-9

For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings? :7 In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. :8 O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you. :9 You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them.

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, If you know?

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Colossians 1:14-17

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. :15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. :16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. :17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Revelation 1:8

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*”

Hebrews 1:3

who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Psalms 104:4-7

He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants. :5 He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved. :6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. :7 But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

Revelation 4:10-11

the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: :11 “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

KNOW THE LORD WHO IS YOUR GOD

3c.) He's the Savoir of the Soul

v.25b

...even the winds and water, and they obey Him!”

Jesus Saves Souls

He **bought** your ticket to heaven - - He **paid** for that at the cross!
He **provided** for your forgiveness of sins - - He **rose** again from the dead!
He **guarantees** your salvation - - He **ascended** back to heaven!
He **promised** to return for you - - He **cannot** lie, He's God!

1 Peter 2:24-25

He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. :25 For you were like sheep going astray, **but have now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.**

Hebrews 6:19-20

Listen to The Amplified Greek Bible

[Now] we have this [hope] as an absolute, sure and steadfast **anchor of the soul** [this anchor does not slip and it cannot break loose nor break apart no matter whoever steps out upon it for hope. This hope can reach farther, so far that it enters into the very **certainty** of the Presence of God that is within the veil :20 This is the place where Jesus Christ has entered in for us, in advance, He is our Forerunner having become our one and only High Priest forever having been raised from the dead.

What Do I Do to Save My Soul? Get in His Boat Now before You Sink

Mark's Account of This is Amazing

Mark 4:36

Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him (Jesus) along in the boat as He was.... And other little boats were also with Him.

They Took Jesus with Them
("peter, did you get the life jackets?" - - "no, we've got Jesus in our boat!")

Mark 4:36

And other little boats were there too...

Hey, you guys - It's Getting Stormy, And It's Getting Worse.
But Look - We Have Jesus in Our Boat!

I Think It's Clear, No Ships Were Lost That Day,
Not Under Jesus' Watch

Because of the Fine Print

Mark 4:36

*And other little boats were **also with Him** = Jesus*

Storms have come, it's stormy now and more storms are coming,
but there will never be a contradiction between the evils of the storm
and the love of Omnipotence.

***return now
to the Shepherd and Bishop
of your soul because...***

Verse 22

"Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat"

are you going to get in, are you going to follow Him?

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