

WHERE IS YOUR FAITH

LUKE 8

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Introduction:

In our text we find the disciples in the middle of an examination. Exams are very important tests, usually taken in high school and college. We also encounter exams as we live our Christian lives.

Often, the Lord will decide that it's time for us to have an "exam" that will test our faith and make us to mature in our walk with God (James 1:2-4).

(James 1:2-4) "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; {3} Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. {4} But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

One evening the disciples were given an "exam" in faith through a boat ride across the Sea Of Galilee. They didn't get very good grades this time, but would we have done any better?

Notice:

1. DECISION (Vs. 22)

(Luke 8:22) "Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth."

A. When the disciples received their "exam" in faith, they were following the decision of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. May we face our exams because we are simply doing what the Lord has told us to do.

2. DISTRACTION (Vs. 23)

(Luke 8:23) "But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy."

A. As the disciples did as they were told, a large distraction appeared.

1. A fierce storm threatened the very lives of the disciples.

B. As we strive to obey the Lord, we will also face distractions.

1. It is not a question if distractions (trials) will occur.

2. The question is how will we handle distractions when they come?

3. DISTRESS (Vs. 24A)

(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."

A. In a panic, the disciples awoke the Lord Jesus.

B. They allowed themselves to become distressed by the storm.

C. They were filled with fear.

4. DECLARATION (Vs. 24B)

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rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."

A. Our Lord awoke and rebuked the wind and waves.

B. His declaration brought total calm.

C. Our problems may never go away until we reach Heaven, but if we trust Him, Jesus will declare peace for us in the midst of our storms.

D. We can relax in the calm of His presence.

4. DENUNCIATION (Vs. 25)

(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."

A. Our Lord rebuked the disciples for their lack of faith, not for disturbing His nap!

B. It was not wrong to ask Jesus for help.

C. It was wrong not to have faith in the midst of the storm.