

ONE OF THOSE DAYS

Luke 8:22-25

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In recent days there has been much to fear. We are at war, national disasters have ravaged our Gulf Coast states, and our economy is struggling. As we listen to the news and commentary streaming from panicky “experts,” questions begin to form. Some have asked, “Is this the end of our economy?” “Is God mad at the U.S.?” “Has He forgotten us?”

In Luke 8 we come upon a scene where the disciples are asking the same types of fearful questions. The situation and the Savior’s response were recorded so we would be informed on “one of those days.”

BACKDROP

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THE CALM BEFORE

- It was “one of those days.”
 - ▶ These men knew **boats** and the **sea**.
 - ▶ The disciples felt they were doing a **service** for **Jesus**.
 - ▶ There is no sign of **complacency** or **lack** of **care**.
- The disciples were in the boat by the **will** of **Jesus** (God)!
 - ▶ This was **God’s plan**!

Key: Sometimes **God’s** plan leads to a **storm**!

THE STORM

- The storm descended **suddenly**.
 - ▶ It was **unexpected**.
 - ▶ It comes **hard**. (They are in immediate and real danger.)
- They were in a **panic**.
- Christ was **asleep**!

Note: This account is the only time we hear of Him sleeping (Mark 4; Matthew 8).

- ▶ Two Questions:

1. Why did they want to wake Him?

2. Does it ever seem like God's asleep?

CHRIST SPEAKS

- Christ spoke to the **storm**: He is **sovereign** over the event and the **powers behind** the event!
- Christ spoke to His men: “Where is your **faith**?”

WRAP

- Storms do not = **punishment.**
- Silence does not = **indifference.**
- **God rewards faith.**