

BOAT STORY (LUKE 8:22 - 24)

We are deeply indebted to Dr. Luke for his account of the journey of Jesus and his disciples across Lake Tiberius (Galilee), and the sudden storm.

This is a very vivid and symbolic experience that all can relate to. Storms of life are part and parcel to our very existence. When we hear such words as cancer, incurable, bad wreck, fatal and such, our list of priorities shrinks dramatically.

Jesus and his disciples were in a boat that they could not bail out of fast enough. In fact, Jesus was sleeping in the back of the boat. The disciples said, “We are perishing!” All of us can identify with this.

They woke up Jesus and he “took care of business.” We are familiar with the rest of the story.

When the storms in our lives occur, there are three points we need to remember:

1. Your boat is not going to sink!
2. The storm is not going to last forever!
3. The best point is this: Jesus did say,
“Let us go over to the other side.”
He did not say, “Let’s go out into the
lake and drown.”

What Jesus says is in concrete, it’s solid!

Isn't it amazing that the storm did not awaken Jesus. The tossing boat, the waves, and the lightning did not wake Him. But, when one of His children was scared and hurting and touched Him, then He came awake and "took care of business." He still does! He calmed the waves and their hearts. Sometimes we have to go through the thorn room to get to the throne room.

Note: those were believers in the boat with Jesus. We need to be certain He is also in our boat. In the storms of life we need His precious presence.

Even in our darkest hour, God always breaks through with his brightest hope, JESUS!

*“Other books were given
for our information.
The Bible was given
for our transformation.”*