

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze
community church



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“Storms” Luke 8:22-39

In our fallen and broken world, internal and external storms are inevitable. To the degree you are able to overcome your internal storms (questions/doubts/fears) is to the degree you will be able to overcome your external storms (people/things/circumstances).

What Is True About External Storms? vv22-25

- 1) We will face storms beyond our ability, but Jesus is Lord over the storms. vv24, 28-29; Psalm 29
- 2) Sometimes Jesus will seem asleep in the storm. He will take longer and let the storm rage harder than we would like. Ps44; James 1:2-4; Jn16:33
- 3) Sometimes He calms the storm, and sometimes He calms His child in the storm but either way He will do what is in our best interests even when we come to Him badly (poorly). Just go to Him! Mark 4:38; Rom8:28; Dan3:16-18
- 4) Miracles are not just proof that He has power, but wonderful foretastes that the world we all want is coming. Matt28:18-20; Rev21:4

What Is True About Internal Storms? vv26-39

- 1) Internal storms are complex and multidimensional (physical/spiritual/relational/emotional). Demonic forces can stir up and aggravate all of the factors that can mess up your life. Eph6:12
- 2) The same patterns are at work in our lives that are in the demonized man. The difference isn't quality but quantity. V29; 1Tim3:6-7; Eph4:26-27

- ✓ If you love anything more than God you are making a pact with evil. Rom3:23
- ✓ You will be greatly empowered but at the same time greatly enslaved. Matt6:24
- ✓ It will drive you when you seek it, disappoint you when you get it, and devastate you when you lose it.

- 3) All the wealth in the world is not worth one human soul! vv32-33, 37; Luke 9:25
- 4) Signs of a healthy human soul: Sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed, in his right mind, and proclaiming how much God has done for him. Vv35, 39; v25 “Where is your faith?”
- 5) When you see the infinite cost that Jesus paid in order to defeat evil, that defeats evil in your life. 1Pet1:18-19

Growing Notes

- 1) What's the worst storm you have ever been in? What were you thinking and feeling? Why do you think overcoming internal storms (questions/doubts/fears) is critical to overcoming external storms (hardship with people/things/circumstances)?
- 2) Read Luke 8:22-39. What stands out to you from these two stories? Retell both stories in your own words. Don't hesitate to refer back to the text for missed details.
- 3) Review the points under “What Is True About External Storms?” Which one(s) are most convicting? Which one(s) are most comforting? How do external storms reveal the genuineness of our faith (1Pet1:6-7)?
- 4) Review the points under “What Is True About Internal Storms?” Which one(s) are most convicting? Which one(s) are most comforting? What are marks of a healthy soul and how will it help you to face anything? What is God speaking to you? Pray