

"AMERICA IS GOING TO THE OTHER SIDE!"

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INTRO: Let's look at the story where Jesus was asleep in a boat during a storm, and its application to the storms America is currently facing (Luke 8:22-25).

I. IT HAPPENED ON A CERTAIN DAY (Luke 8:22).

- A. This powerful happening happened on a certain day.
 - 1. This day likely started out no different than any other.
- B. Let's live with the expectancy that any given day can result in God doing something memorable!
- C. "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." (v. 22)

II. A STORM HAPPENED (Luke 8:23).

- A. Jesus fell asleep in the boat.
- B. A bad storm came up on the lake (boat filling with water).
- C. A terrible storm has come to America.
 - 1. Winds of false doctrine are blowing on America (Eph. 4:14; 1Tim. 4:1-2; 2Tim. 4:3-4).
 - 2. Waves of corruption and immorality are flooding America (2Tim. 3:1-5).

III. REACTING TO THE STORM (Luke 8:24).

- A. The disciples responded in fear and unbelief.
 - 1. They questioned His love & care. "Do you not care ...?"
- B. Jesus said they were going to the other side (v. 22)!
- C. How are you responding to America's storms? Fear/Faith?
- D. Jesus arose and rebuked the storm and it ceased.
 - 1. This indicates the storm wasn't from God!
 - 2. America's storms aren't from God!
- E. Jesus' preference was that they rebuke the storm rather than wake Him (Matt. 10:1, 7-8; Luke 10:19; Matt. 16:19)!

IV. WHERE IS YOUR FAITH (Luke 8:25; Mk. 4:41; Mt. 8:26)?

- A. Is your faith in the storm or in God's Word?
- B. Are you believing, "we are perishing" or "we're going to the other side"!?
- C. Don't allow the storms on the outside inside you!
- D. Taking authority over the storms inside gives you great authority over the storms outside!

CONCLUSION: Rise up and rebuke America's storm!