

THE PROVIDENCE OF JESUS

November 3, 2024

Luke 8:22-25

FAITH MEANS TRUSTING GOD'S _____ AS MUCH AS HIS _____.

I. God's plan will call me to go through _____. – v. 22-23

Providence is the perfect _____ of God to achieve His ultimate _____.

What _____ do you have for me in this storm?

II. God's plan will call me to give up _____. – v. 23-24

The disciples woke Jesus with angst and accusation, but at least they still turned to Him for help when things got out of control. What is the difference between God's Sovereignty and God's Providence? What happens when we have faith in one without the other? Think about when you turn to God for help- is it more with faith in His sovereignty or His providence? How does this impact how you relate to God when storms come?

Jesus questions the disciple's faith – not that it exists, but its maturity. Which is a more mature faith – faith in the works of Jesus or faith in the character of Jesus – and why? How does a mature faith respond differently to the storms of life than an immature faith? Do you currently have a mature or immature faith? How do you know?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Are you going through a storm right now (big or small)? If so, what purpose does God have for you in the midst of the storm? If you don't know, ask Him to show you.



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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Sovereignty is God's _____ and _____ to do all He desires.

Faith is not about fighting for control, but _____ in His control.

III. God's plan will call me to _____ in my faith. – v. 25

Mature faith doesn't just trust God to get me out of the storm, but that He has a _____ for me _____.

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Luke 8:22-25. The disciples have already seen Jesus do a number of miracles. Why do you think this one made such a big impact on them? When have you seen God move in power in your life that made a big impact on you? How have various moves of God in your life changed the way you see Him? Be specific.

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Jesus is the one who set this boating expedition in motion, already knowing what was coming. Why does Jesus often lead us into storms or allow storms in our lives? How does 2 Corinthians 12:9 help us have a better perspective on storms in our lives? We often see storms as unexpected deviations, but God sees them as part of His plan. What storms have you experienced in the past that you now see God's providence in?

Stewardship Report:
 Last Week: \$11,079
 This Month: \$0
 Last Month: \$53,266
 Monthly Budget: \$44,759

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