

30 DAYS IN THE BIBLE

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Key Verse – Matthew 8:26–27

This parable is well known for the message that is being portrayed, and the questions that come with it.

Before getting into the boat, Jesus would've known that there was going to be a large storm that was going to hit the boat that Him and His disciples were in. So why didn't He wait until the storm was over before they all got into the boat and sailed off? There are a handful of other questions that come up when reading this passage, but I want to focus on this one thought.

Often, we can find ourselves in some form of storm in our lives. Whether it be health concerns, family or friend complications, disappointment after disappointment, the storms of present or future worries, or the unexpected ups and downs of life. While the disciples were most likely being thrashed around on the boat upstairs, trying to gain control of where they were headed, and doing their best to stabilize themselves and the boat, as it plunged through the unpredictable ocean waves, Jesus was sound asleep below. If your mind is anything like mine, your first thought may have been, "HOW in the world is Jesus able to sleep through that?!"

The disciples awoke Jesus immediately (like most of us would) and begged for help. My assumption would be they had all accepted that they were going to die together.

The above verse states that Jesus replied with "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" He then got up and calmed the entire storm. If that isn't a clear reflection of our fearful "humanness", and the power of Jesus, I don't know what is.



Jesus slept because He knew what the outcome would be. He knew they were going to experience a storm; He knew they would need help. But Jesus also knew they were going to make it safely to the other side. Despite the storm we may be facing today, we are reminded through Matthew chapter 8 that no matter how big the waves may feel, Jesus is in our boat with us. We may not see Him, or feel Him in every minute of it, but He has promised His presence and peace when we ask. We can run to Jesus and be assured that He is still in control, and that He already knows what results are coming out of the storm. We experience storms because He wants us to put our full trust in Him, and receive His peace through the unknowns, ups and downs, and the pains and joys of life's storms. We will not drown when we choose to seek Him. Whether through prayer, or reading His word, He wants to still the waves in our lives and hearts.

When you are in the middle of storm, where do you first turn? Is it to the safety of Jesus' arms, or to something else? What does it take for you to rely on Jesus in every situation?

What Scripture can I meditate on today?

What did God speak to me today?

How can I respond in obedience?

How can I pray?