



# Where is Your Faith?

## Text: Luke 8:22-25



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# Luke 8:24

**24 They came to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm.**

# Luke 8:25

<sup>25</sup> And He said to them, “***Where is your faith?***” They were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?”



# The Big Idea

**The storms of life don't  
matter as long as Jesus is  
in the boat.**



# The Corona Pandemic...

...producing fear and panic for  
the nation.

...a crisis of faith for Christians.



**This sense of panic...**

**...fueled by lack of information  
and misinformation.**

**Who Do We Listen To?**





# **Mark 4, Matt. 8...**

**...and Luke 8 record the story of  
Jesus calming a storm on the Sea  
of Galilee**

**...a source of comfort for all of us**



# The disciples failed...

...several key tests that were inherent in the storm.

*They failed the **hearing test**,  
the **humility test** and the **heart test**.*



**Two pivotal questions ...**

**...come at the end of the story.  
Both Jesus and the disciples  
asked a question, but neither  
question was answered.**




**Jesus taught the...**

**...importance of listening in Luke 6  
by first asking the question, “why  
do you call me Lord if you are not  
going to do what I say?”**

# The Parable of the Builders

**...one who hears and obeys is like a man who builds on rock.**

***...one who hears and disobeys is like a man who builds on sand.***



**Jesus is saying...**

**...it is not just important  
what you hear...it is  
important who you listen to  
and how you listen.**

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**He reiterates his...**

**...teaching on listening in Luke 8 with the parable of the soils. The seed represents the word of God and the soil represents how people hear the word.**



**The seed sown by the...**

**...road represents those that hear the word and reject it entirely. The seed sown on good soil represents those that hear the word and by faith obey it, even during trials.**



**The seed sown in...**

**...rocky soil and among thorns  
represents those that hear the  
word, rejoice for a time but fall  
apart when trouble comes.**



**He is talking to us...**

**...church people who hear a great sermon, buy a tape for ourselves and one for your friends, but a week later we are in a funk because of the corona virus.**



# Luke 8 Overview

- **Jesus is tired from ministry.**
- **Says let's go to the other side.**
- **They launch out.**
- **Storm comes and frightens the disciples.**
- **They wake Jesus and He calms the storm.**

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Observation

The disciples' failed the  
*hearing test.*



**Jesus said...**

***“Let us go over to the other side of the lake.”***

# 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson

When your hearing fails,  
your faith will also fail.

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# Luke 8:23

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Observation

The disciples' failed the  
*humility test.*



***Genuine faith...***

**...is only genuine faith when it  
arises out of *genuine humility*.**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson

When your *humility* fails,  
your *faith* will eventually  
fail.

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Observation

The disciples failed  
the *heart test.*

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***The more we are...***

**...influenced by what we see  
with our *physical eyes*, the less  
we can see with our with our  
*spiritual eyes.***

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**God is saying...**

**...to the nation and to us, our faith problem is a heart problem...we fail to see, we fail to hear, so we will not believe.**



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson

When your hearing fails and your humility fails and your heart fails, your faith will definitely fail.

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**God is not...**

**...not always going to calm the storm, but if you let Him...if you trust Him...He will always calm your heart.**



# The disciples...

**...completely missed the fact  
that storms don't really matter  
as long as Jesus is in the boat.**