



JESUS' AWESOME AUTHORITY



Luke 8:22-25

Biblical faith is not based on what we think is true but on what is true. They saw their situation incorrectly. If they had faith then they would have known that Jesus Christ was master over the winds and seas. Moreover, they would have known their lives were not victim of nature's whims but protected in their Father's hand's. They would not have given into fears that what they experiencing was out of control and therefore a threat to their life.

POWER OVER THE NATURAL WORLD

STORM STILLED

Galilean Boat*

"In January 1986, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, between Kibbutz Ginosar and Moshava Migdal, they discovered an early Galilean boat dating from the first century B.C. ... The boat measures almost 27 feet in length and about 7-1/2 feet in width, certainly large enough for a crew of thirteen. Its discovery was made possible by the low level of the lake due to the lack of rain."

**A Ready Defense by McDowell, pp. 114.*

Fear of Physical Danger

Fear of Jesus' Power

Learning Strategic Responses

We often panic and make wrong decisions because we don't see our lives with the eyes of faith. We think of "out of control" situations such as death, danger, losing job, losing face (and therefore friends), etc. and therefore respond from fear rather than faith. Satan instigates fear so that we will make bad decisions. The Lord strengthens our faith so that we might trust Him to work out a solution in our impossible situations.

Out of control

Fear

Bad decision & action

Out of control

Faith

Wise decision & action

Learning From Our Weakest Points

We shouldn't be surprised if we are tested in the area that we are most comfortable in. The fishermen were more comfortable at sea than on land. But they were tested and made aware that even in their most experienced area of life that they can be very vulnerable. They need to always trust in Jesus Christ.

Learning About Testings

Did God or the evil one test the disciples?
Was God or man behind the storm?

What Bible verses help us answer this question?
