

## Sermon Outline March 24, 2013

### "The King in Our Boat"

Luke 8:22-25

#### I. Trusting, and even obeying our King Jesus, does not guarantee smooth sailing –

1. We should expect trouble with sin, with disobedience; as trouble (whatever kind) was ultimately and initially caused by sin, sin can be and is fatal. God had preceded its entry into our world with a WARNING LABEL –

<sup>17</sup> "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:17 NKJ)

2. We see in Scripture storms are often connected to sin / disobedience –

- Genesis 6:5-7:24 God judges the world with a flood
- Exodus 9:23-29 God brings hail and fire on Egypt
- Joshua 10:11 God brings LARGE hail on the Amorites
- Jonah 1:4,10-15 God uses the storm against Jonah's disobedience
- Revelation 16:21 God brings hail as punishment

The storm brought against Jonah was like Jesus' storm

because it was at sea -

<sup>NKJ</sup> Jonah 1:1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. (Jonah 1:1-4 NKJ)

3. Yet in the case before us today, Jesus' disciples were OBEDIENT to HIM and yet they still found themselves on troubled waters –

- A. Notice in verse :22 Jesus said, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." It was His decision to do this. And the disciples obeyed –

And they launched out. Luke 8:22b

B. Now, he fell asleep and it was while he was sleeping the storm came up –

<sup>23</sup> But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

4. Interestingly this parallels the account we have of disobedient Jonah, who was also sleeping when the storm came up –

<sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep.

<sup>6</sup> So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish." (Jonah 1:5-6 NKJ)

Because of the parallel we might ask, what did Jesus and His companions have in common with Jonah and his? What was different?

A. All sailors (even sinless Jesus) sail in a sin marred world -

<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility (Rom 8:20 NKJ)

<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (Rom 8:22 NKJ)

B. Both Jesus and Jonah knew "sin" was the problem –

FOR Jonah it was his own sin –

<sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, "Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup> So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

<sup>10</sup> Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

<sup>11</sup> Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?"-- for the sea was growing more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup> And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me." (Jonah 1:8-12 NKJ)

F OR Jesus it was our SIN -

See our BOAT is this sin-filled world and messes, trials, tribulations, we have in this world are our OWN, mankind's FAULT!

- The disciples were not sinning when they were in the BOAT with Jesus and YET in that BOAT, only one PERSON - JESUS was NOT a SINNER!

• *Jesus came into this world to save us from sin –*  
"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21 NKJ)

• *He helps us cross this lake of sin, filled with storms due sin, with His cross –*  
For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJ)

*Just as Jonah was thrown into the sea, in order to save the sailors from his / Jonah's sin, Jesus really does come into this world and ultimately die to save us from ours!*

II. *Trusting and Obeying Jesus DOES GUARENTEE we will make it across the lake –*

1. *This is the one DRAMATIC difference between Jesus' boat and Jonah's --- those on Jonah's boat had good reason to be exceedingly AFRAID –*

<sup>10</sup> **Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, They were sailing with a sinner not a Savior!**

2. *Yet, because they were with Jesus, because they were being obedient to Jesus, and because He had told them –*

**Let us cross over to the other side of the lake. Luke 8:22**

*They should have had NO FEAR! This is what Scripture teaches – Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJ)*

3. *Why should we so whole-heartedly trust Jesus even in difficult or even perilous situations? –*

A. *Jesus expects us to – <sup>25</sup> But He said to them, "Where is your faith?"*

B. *Jesus allows such situations to test and prove our faith –*

<sup>10</sup> **But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. (Job 23:10 NKJ)**

<sup>9</sup> **I will bring the *one-third* through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, `This *is* My people'; And each one will say, The LORD *is* my God." (Zec 13:9 NKJ)**

<sup>7</sup> **that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (1Pe 1:7 NKJ)**

C. *In such situations we see God's / Christ's wonderful sovereignty –*

• *He rules the wind and the waves, weather - :24*

**Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.**

<sup>39</sup> **Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39 NKJ)**

*The Greek which we translate "Be stilled" literally means "be muzzled" it was part of a command men would give dogs –*

*Yet, this extended context displays His power / rule as KING–*

• *Over demons – Luke 8:26-39*

• *Over long term illness – Luke 8:43-48*

• *Even over death – Luke 8:40-42 & 49-56*

*We can trust Jesus not only at sea but in all situations –*

People say this world's a jungle and sometimes I must admit  
I'd be scared to death if I did not know who was king of it  
But the truth is God created this whole world with His own hand  
So everything is under His command ....  
Steven Curtis Chapman

D. *God uses such things to teach us -*

That the Lord of the gentle breeze is Lord of the rough and tumble  
And He is King of the Jungle!  
Steven Curtis Chapman

*Now in case you are wondering about the word "Jungle" the word itself is not in the Bible, but the concept is ...*

*Arnold A. Brevick*