

## Where is Your Faith? (Luke 8:22-25)

- **Jesus' Authority Over Creation**
  - The story illustrates Jesus' power over nature, emphasising his divine authority.
  - His only recorded words in this passage are the question: "*Where is your faith?*"
- **Different Understandings of Faith**
  - Many people, including some atheists, struggle with faith, often rejecting a distorted view of God.
  - Even believers may place faith in the wrong understanding of God.
- **Faith vs. Fear**
  - The disciples initially seem faithful—they follow Jesus and listen to him.
  - However, their panic during the storm shows their faith is weak.
  - Jesus questions their faith even after they cry out to him in desperation.
- **Jesus Asleep in the Storm**
  - The most striking part of the story is that Jesus is asleep, showing perfect trust in the Father.
  - True faith would have meant trusting Jesus without waking him—believing that, if he is at peace, all is well.
- **Our Expectations of God**
  - The disciples wanted Jesus to react to their fear, but he challenges them to trust instead.
  - Faith is not about demanding God to fix our crises but trusting his presence in the storm.
- **Faith That Endures the Storms**
  - Faith means believing that **God is in control**, even when life feels chaotic.
  - Jesus does not promise to prevent hardships, but he promises to be with us in the boat.
  - The resurrection hope assures that even if the boat goes down, that is not the end of the story.

## Conclusion

Be encouraged—have faith! No storm can overwhelm you, because Jesus is with you.

## Questions:

1. **Jesus' Question** – Why do you think Jesus asked the disciples, “Where is your faith?” even though they had followed him into the boat and cried out to him in fear? What does this reveal about the nature of true faith?
2. **Faith in Crisis** – The disciples turned to Jesus in desperation during the storm. How does this compare to how we typically approach God in times of crisis? Do we sometimes mistake fear for faith?
3. **Jesus Asleep** – The sermon suggests that Jesus sleeping in the storm should have been reassuring to the disciples. What does this tell us about trust in God during difficult times? How can we develop a faith that rests even in the middle of life's storms?
4. **Expectations of God** – The disciples expected Jesus to respond immediately to their crisis. Do we sometimes have similar expectations of God? How does this affect our faith when God does not act in the way we expect?
5. **Authority of Jesus** – This passage highlights Jesus' authority over creation. How does recognising his authority shape our faith and response to life's uncertainties?
6. **Faith Beyond the Storm** – The sermon concludes that faith is not about avoiding storms but trusting in God's presence through them. How can this perspective change the way we handle personal challenges and suffering?