



Series: Miracles of Jesus

Sermon: Part 3: God In The Boat

Date: Sunday, July 20th, 2025

“Fear defeats more people than any other one thing in the world.” (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Miracles: Significant events that either pause or reverse the typical operation of nature and that cannot be explained by natural laws. They are times where God intervenes in the natural order of things and does something seemingly unexpected, impossible, and yet extraordinary

Jesus demonstrated numerous miracles, not so that people would be drawn to the miracles, but so that they would be drawn to the God behind the miracles.

Scripture referenced in sermon message: John 16:33, Matthew 10:28

Because God is in control over all things, Jesus is saying to His disciples, and even to us: that if anyone is going to follow Him, that they should actually be more afraid of Him, meaning have a reverent _____ of Him and His authority, rather than having a fear of everything else that is under Him.

What situations are you facing that are causing fear in your life today?

That day when evening came, He [Jesus] said to His disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him [Jesus] and said to Him, “Teacher, don’t You care if we drown?” Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. (Mark 4:35-39)

All Jesus has to say is “Quiet, be still” and _____ becomes calm.

1. Jesus is bigger than any storm, so much so that He can stop it

2. Jesus is bigger than any storm, so much so that He can use it

Storms in life are _____.

If anything were to encounter the sheep, it would have to pass through the approval of the shepherd first.



Just like the sheep trusts the Shepherd to take care of them no matter where the Shepherd leads them, when we follow Jesus, we can trust that when God leads us even into a storm, that the storm will not destroy us because God is the Great Shepherd who is also in the boat with us.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)

Jesus was not just telling the wind and the waves to be still, but He was telling _____ to be still in the midst of the storm we are facing.

“Be still” means _____ what we are holding onto that is causing us fear and instead holding onto the One who is our God.

He [Jesus] said to His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is This? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!” (Mark 4:40-41)

Fear is putting our faith in whatever we are afraid of.

When Jesus says something, it _____ happen, even though we may face many storms on the way.

The storm could not disturb Jesus, but the unbelief of His disciples disturbed Him.

Bottom Line: *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the Earth.” (Psalm 46:10)*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. What fears do you need to surrender to God today?*
- 2. What steps do you need to take to repent and get back under Jesus’ authority with your thoughts, your feelings, and your attitude?*
- 3. Where do you need to practice being still and Know that He is God over your life?*

Songs used in service: Praise You Anywhere (Brandon Lake), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker), Trust In God (Elevation Worship), No Longer Slaves (Jonathan David & Melissa Helser), Firm Foundation [He Won’t] (Cody Carnes)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?