

First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts  
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**Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus Calms the Storm**

- I. We naturally fear the storms of life.
  - A. The two questions in this text resolve our fears. Matt 8:26, 27.
  - B. The storms of life allow us to learn about ourselves and to grow in confidence in the Lord. 2Corinthians 12:9
  - C. Reflect on the questions from the point of view of Jesus.
    1. Why are you fearful if you are my disciples?
    2. If I am the Son of God, why are you amazed that what I have created obeys me?
  
- II. The Lord is ever watchful over his people.
  - A. He has refined the faith of his people through water before.  
Genesis 7:7; Exodus 14:22, 27; Joshua 3:14-16; Psalm 66:12
  - B. Remembering the Lord's works recorded in the history of his people is the first step in building your faith in him.
  - C. Psalm 121:4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
John 5:17; Matt 28:20.
  
- III. Faith in Christ is our lifeline to peace in the storms of life.
  - A. The disciples were fearful but wise.
  - B. Grow in faith to manage your fears in the storms of life.  
Acts 27:22-24; 1Kings 19:1-5, 7, 8; Hebrews 4:14-5:1.
  - C. How do you manage in the storms of life?  
Romans 8:28; 2Tim 1:7.
  - D. The storms will come, the fears will rise up in our hearts, but the Lord will always be with us to deliver us.
  - E. Once we know who Jesus is, then fearfulness fades in our experience.