

Jesus Calms the Storm

Luke 8:16-25

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Jesus was speaking to a large group of people when he said, "No one lights a lamp and then covers it up or shoves it under a bed. A lamp is put on a lamp stand so it can provide light for anyone who comes into the room. There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, no secret that will not become widely known. Whoever has a lot will be given even more. And from those who have nothing, even what little they think they have will be taken away."

While Jesus was speaking, his mother and brothers came, but they couldn't get in because the place was so crowded. Someone said to Jesus, "Your mother and brothers are outside, wanting to see you."

Jesus replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice."

One day Jesus stood by the Sea of Galilee and said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side."

They got into a boat and set out for the Gentile side of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus fell asleep in the boat. Then a storm blew up; the wind raged; the waves crashed over the boat threatening to swamp them. They were in great danger.

The disciples went to Jesus and woke him up saying, "Master, Master, we are about to drown."

Jesus stood up and spoke to the wind and the waves, "Quiet. Be still." The wind died down and the sea grew calm. Then he said to his disciples, "Where is your faith?"

The disciples were amazed and filled with fear. They said to each other, "Who is this man? He commands the wind and the water, and they obey him."