



Lesson 2

June 13, 2021

Calming the Storm

Matthew 8:23-27

In today's Bible lesson, the students will consider the feelings of the disciples when a storm overtook their boat while Jesus was right there with them, but asleep. In our contemporary scenario, Jared will challenge Michael to respond to the promised presence of Jesus in good times and when times get rough.

Jared received a text from Michael, a friend whom he had met in college during campus ministry. Both have since graduated, but Michael wanted Jared to know that he had accepted Jesus in his heart. As a young Christian, Michael shared with Jared—he thought once he became a Christian, that he would have less chaos and stormy times in his life.

Jared shared with Michael a few Bible verses where Jesus promised to be with His followers. One verse was about the storm incident when the disciples became fearful because the water was sweeping over their boat. Jesus was on board, but He was sleeping. The disciples awakened Jesus to help them. Jesus calmed the storm. Jared pointed out to Michael that storms in life will come, even with Jesus close by. While storms are often unexpected, Jesus is always there whenever a storm appears. In fact, Jared told Michael that Jesus is never as close to you as He is when you are going through a difficult time. Jared challenged Michael to seek and respond to Jesus' presence in good times and in difficult times, for Jesus is always near.

Days later, Michael texted Jared, this time with a few smiling emojis, to say that he was able to share about that same storm incident with a friend who was experiencing a storm in her life. Michael shared that each time he reads the Bible storm incident, his spirit is quieted because he has learned to put his hope and trust in Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share and describe a few kinds of "storms" encountered in life that cause adults to worry.
2. When you have been right in the middle of a storm, how has Jesus quieted your storm?
3. Describe how it feels knowing that Jesus is always near when you need help.