

2026-08-16 Summary

What happens when the very things we cannot control reveal the depth of our faith? This message takes us on a journey across a stormy lake and into the heart of one of the most dramatic encounters in the Gospels. Beginning in Mark chapter 4, we find the disciples terrified in a boat while Jesus sleeps peacefully on a cushion, and the contrast is striking. The wind and the waves obey his voice instantly, yet we so often resist the very authority that holds the universe together. That tension between surrender and control sits at the center of everything we explore here. The disciples ask, who is this man? And the honest truth is that many of us are still wrestling with that same question in the way we actually live, even if we would never say it out loud. Faith is not just a belief we hold in our minds. It shows up in what we trust when the storm hits, in what we reach for when things spiral beyond our ability to manage. The calm that follows his command is not just a meteorological event. It is an invitation to consider what it would look like if we responded to his voice the way the wind and the waves did, with immediate and complete surrender.