

Message Notes | Encounters with Jesus

Part 4: Boys in the Boat

Matthew 8:23-27

→ a narrow road and a steep cliff

**#1 _____ has the _____ to negatively
_____ your life.**

→ How do I handle my fear?

→ a furious storm - **vs. 23-25**

→ Jesus' curious question - **vs. 26**

**#2 Even the worst _____ don't need to cause
_____.**

→ Jesus teaches us about his power - **vs. 26-27**

#3 _____ has the _____ to overwhelm your _____.

→ Jesus is in your boat - **Romans 8:35, vs. 26**

→ overcoming fear is a process

**#4 When you don't fear _____,
you don't fear _____.**

→ longing for heaven - **Philippians 1:21-24**

Group Questions | Encounters with Jesus

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1. In which areas of your life would you like to fear less?

2. How do you typically respond to fear?

3. **Read Matthew 8:23-27.**

If you were one of the disciples, how do you think you would have reacted to Jesus?

4. Why did Jesus allow the disciples to experience the storm?

Share an example from your life of how facing a "storm" helped strengthen or grow you.

5. **"Even the worst circumstances don't need to cause overwhelming fear."**

Why is this statement true? (Think about what happened with Jesus on the lake.)

Why is this statement not always easy?

6. Have you ever met someone who chose to trust God through difficult circumstances? What impressed you about that person?

Can you imagine having a faith like that? Why or why not?

7. **Read Philippians 1:21-24.** What strikes you most about these words from Paul?

How does Jesus' victory over death affect your ability to overcome fear?

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Bible Reading for Today

Matthew 8:23-27

²³ Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. ²⁴ Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

²⁶ He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

