

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses  
of glory*

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## Obedience and Faith in the Jesus that Waves Obey Luke 8:19-25

**Last Week:** *Our true hearing of the word transforms the fruit of our life. (vv. 8:1-18)*

If we respond..	by discarding the word, (v. 12)	superficially, (v. 13)	with divided devotion, (v. 14)	holding fast with a good heart, (v. 15)
we end up..	rejecting the gift of life.	powerless to endure hardship.	fruitless.	living abundant lives!

**Jesus views our closeness with him based on how we respond to his word. (vv. 19-21)**

**19** Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. **20** And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." **21** But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

1. Context: The family bond was THE most important relationship in Jewish culture.
2. Jesus considers our bond with him - proven by hearing and doing his word - as even closer than this family bond.

**Despite what they had seen and heard, Jesus' followers doubted his ultimate authority and feared for their lives. (vv. 22-24a)**

**22** One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, **23** and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. **24** And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!"

1. Jesus makes a "matter of fact" statement that they are going to cross the water.
2. The disciples' fear and worry reveal their lack of faith in the words of Jesus.

**The response to difficult circumstances should be a deepened understanding and increased trust in who Jesus is. (w. 24b-25)**

*24b And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.  
25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"*

1. Jesus was bothered not by raging waves, but by lack of faith. (like in Mark 6:6)
2. Jesus' followers were connecting the dots. This isn't just the messiah, it's God!  
OT Scriptures that helped them make that connection: Psalms 89:8-9, Psalms 65:5-8, Psalms 18:15, Psalms 104:7, Psalms 106:9, Isaiah 50:2...
3. The disciples gain a new, awe-filled understanding of who Jesus is.  
"Fear" In Mark 4:35-41:  
Fear of storm: "deilos", to show cowardice, timidity, fear  
  
Fear of Jesus' Power: "phobos", to show astonishment, trembling concern, reverential fear

**Reflection/Discussion**

1. Jesus says that our closeness to him is revealed by how we obey his Word (w. 19-21). Consider and pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal what areas of the Word you need to grow in your obedience (i.e., walking in humility, serving others, being a lover of money, etc.) in order to experience greater joy of that closeness.
2. The test of the storm served as a means for the disciples to deepen and develop their faith in who Jesus is. What situations or circumstances exist in your life that serve as opportunities for you to "hold fast to God's word in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience", as described in Luke 8:15?
3. Consider the response of those in the boat with Jesus in verses 24-25 - one of wonder, marvel, and reverence. How can you use God's word to grow this response in yourself as you go through those circumstances?

**SONGS**

- "THIS IS OUR GOD"
- "STAND IN YOUR LOVE"
- "THE GOODNESS OF JESUS"
- "ALL HAIL KING JESUS"

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**BUDGET**

GIVING LAST WEEK:	\$	23,886.56
WEEKLY NEED:	\$	36,985.00
Y-T-D GIVING:	\$	825,992.60
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED:	\$	924,625.00
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