

## THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

Matthew 8.23-27

### JESUS HAS AUTHORITY OVER CREATION

Matthew 8.23-27 // Mark 4.38

**The same God who sovereignly calmed the storm  
is the same God who sovereignly allowed the storm.**

Nahum 1.4 // Isaiah 50.2 // Psalm 107.28-30

### JESUS, AGAIN, IS AFTER OUR HEARTS

So far, Jesus has been dealing directly with the heart in His sermon, and He has been cutting to the heart in His conversations. Jesus wants our faith. Our true, unwavering faith. **That we'd see all else as rubbish.**

2 Corinthians 5.7 // 1 Peter 1.3-9

**The storms of life will either shipwreck us, or strengthen us.**

We do not just simply want to ask God to calm the storms of our life, but we should ask Him to strengthen us through a deeper faith in Him, to produce in us endurance, character, and a deeper hope in our inheritance which is kept in heaven by the authority that Jesus has as God, the perfect heir of the Father.

**In the great Psalm 23, God neither promised to carry us *over* nor *around* the valley of the shadow of death. Nor did He say He would meet us on the other side while cheering us on and hoping we would make it. Rather, He said He would walk with us *through* it.**

Romans 5.3-5 // Psalm 118.13-18 // Isaiah 41.10

**"Even the winds and sea obey him."**

**Yet we do not.**



## NOTES:

### Recommended Resources

**Radical** by David Platt

A great book on living the life of real, radical discipleship.

**The Gospel Transformation Bible**

Published by Crossway, this bible is not *so much* a study bible, but a bible with commentary to help you see the bigger picture of Christ and His Gospel in and through all the Scriptures.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6<sup>th</sup> grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **Junior High students (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)** worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com) or **John Hawthorne** at [hawthorne-john@hotmail.com](mailto:hawthorne-john@hotmail.com)

## SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

## EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

## SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 8:23-27**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

Re-read **Matthew 8:24**, then also read **John 4:6**, **Matthew 4:2** and **John 1:14**. What do these verses teach us about who Jesus is? \_\_\_\_\_

Re-read **Matthew 8:26**, then also read **Matthew 1:23**, **Isaiah 9:6** and **2 Peter 1:1**. What do these verses teach us about who Jesus is? \_\_\_\_\_

These last few sets of verses show us that Jesus has two natures - He is fully God and fully man, yet one Person. He sleeps, gets hungry, and yet has ultimate and full authority. And at the cross, He allowed Himself to go through the worst "storm", yet could have sent angels (**Matthew 26:52-56**) to stop it. Instead, He submitted to His Father's will (**Luke 22:42**) and glorified His Father. Why is it important for us to understand and remember who Jesus is while going through a storm? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Isaiah 45:7**, **1 Chronicles 29:11**, **Romans 9:21** and **Revelation 4:11**. Who do you believe started the storm in the first place? \_\_\_\_\_

Now read **Psalms 89:9** and **Psalms 107:28-30**. Couldn't God have prevented the storm from ever starting to begin with? \_\_\_\_\_

Theologian John Stott said, "In a world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?...I have turned to the lonely, twisted, tortured figure on the cross, nails through hands and feet, back lacerated, limbs wrenched, brow bleeding from thorn pricks, mouth dry and intolerably thirsty, plunged in God-forsaken darkness. That is the God for me! He laid aside His immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death. He suffered for us. Our sufferings become more manageable in the light of His. There is still a question mark against human suffering, but over it we stamp another mark, the cross which symbolizes divine suffering." Explain to the group how the cross of Christ helps you get through hardships and storms.

Read **Psalms 23:1-6** and **Romans 5:3-5**. What storms or trials are you currently facing? Are you believing and trusting that God is with you through the storm? And why do you think God allows storms and hardships in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Psalms 118:13-18** and **Isaiah 41:10**. How can you glorify God in the next, future storm that you go through? \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for one another, asking God to help you realize, trust and believe that He is God, yet He became a Man which means that He relates (**John 16:33**, **1 Peter 5:6-7**) to your hardships, trials and storms. D.A. Carson says "Frequently it is when we are crushed and devastated that the cross speaks most powerfully to us. The wounds of Christ then become Christ's credentials. The world mocks, but we are assured of God's love by Christ's wounds."