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Title: Sleep Through The Storm
Text: Matthew 8:24

Introduction

The illustration of the farm helper who slept through the storm. (Matt.8:24)

“Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.”

1. Problems and Troubles Come upon us Without Warning

We are all intelligent people.

We make plans in life for good and for the best of our future, but somehow something can still happen to us quite suddenly and all our plans are washed away. Without warning or in a short period of time we can become poor overnight.

2. Our problems are beyond what we can bear.

Smart as we are, well prepared as we may be, many times things just are beyond our control. They are just too big and issue for us to solve and resolve.

Failures after failures make us so discouraged that we gave up and lost hope ever making it back to normal living.

3. “But Jesus was sleeping”

Mt.8:24-27,

“*And* behold, a great tempest arose in the sea, so much so that the boat was covered with the **waves**. But He (Jesus) was asleep.

And His disciples came to Him and awakened Him, saying. Lord, save us! We perish!

And He said to them, Why are you afraid, little-faiths? Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

But the men marvelled, saying, What kind of man is this (must be not normal, not a normal man), that even the winds and the sea obey him!”

We will surely try to do something about it.

But that was not the picture of Jesus.

Conclusion : Today, invite Jesus to come into your boat.