

## ARE YOU IN THE SHIP WITH THE SAVIOR? - LUKE 8:22-25 - TEXT

INTRODUCTION - Our Text - **Luke 8:22-25** (NKJV) - 22 Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out. 23 But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

- A. It seems as though the disciples forgot they were in the ship with the Savior - Jesus Christ the Son of God because they displayed a lack of faith.
- B. What about our faith?
- C. Does it place us in the ship with the Savior?

II. **ARE YOU IN THE "SHIP" with GOD?** - there are many "ships" that we must be in if we are to reach the promised land when we cross over the river Jordan.

A. **RELATIONSHIP** - Do you have a relationship with the Savior?

1. **How does this relationship begin?** Just as all relationships begin someone introduces you to Jesus.
  - a. **Romans 10:17** (NKJV) - 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 1<sup>st</sup> we must - "hear and obey Jesus." - we do this by hearing His "WORD" as opposed to the doctrines of men.
  - b. We cannot have faith - trust -belief in Jesus if we do not listen to him.
2. **John 1:11-12** (NKJV) - 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:- 2<sup>nd</sup> we **MUST - Believe on his name.**
3. **Luke 13:3** (NKJV) - 3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. - 3<sup>rd</sup> we **MUST repent - Jesus says repent or perish.** - its just that simple ---- you must make a choice - but the choices you make have consequences!
  - a. Example of Ethiopian Eunuch - **Acts 8:26-38** (NKJV) - 26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth." 34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand

still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

4. **Galatians 3:26-27** (NKJV) - 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ---- according to this scripture we see that - **After we are baptized into Christ** we enter into a relationship with God as his children - not before but after.
5. **Acts 2:41** (NKJV) - 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. & **Acts 2:47** (NKJV) - 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. - **When we are baptized (immersed) for the remission of our sins we are now in the ship with Jesus.**
  - a. The ark of safety the church - the Savior adds the saved to the church.
- B. **FELLOWSHIP** - Once we are in the ship with Jesus we enjoy fellowship with him.
  1. **1 John 1:3-7** (NKJV) - 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. 5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. - **Fellowship is maintained by walking in the light.**
  2. **2 Corinthians 6:14-18** (NKJV) - 14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." 17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." 18 "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty." - **We cannot be in the ship with the Savior and be yoked to unrighteousness.**
    - a. We are either in the ship or we are out of it, but many try to maintain a relationship with Jesus and the unrighteousness of the world.
- C. **FRIENDSHIP** - We are in the ship with the Savior because we want to be his friend. - "we sing many songs about this very subject" - "I'll be a friend to Jesus..." - What a friend we have in Jesus...ect
  1. **John 15:10-14** (NKJV) - 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. - **The only way to maintain friendship with Jesus is to obey his commands.**
    - a. What happens to our friendships on earth if we do not do what we say we will do?
    - b. They will deteriorate.
    - c. The same is true with our friendship with Christ we must obey him.
  2. **James 4:4** (NKJV) - 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. - **We cannot be in the ship with the Savior and be friends with the world..**
- D. **MEMBERSHIP** - When we are in the ship with the Savior we are members of the one body of Christ - the church.
  1. **1 Corinthians 12:12-20** (NKJV) - 12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the

- members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be? 20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. - **Each member of this one body has work to do just as every member of a crew on a ship has a particular duty to perform. ----ED’s statement last week “ALL HANDS ON DECK” was an appeal to the physical labor of moving pews in and out = heavy lifting and work - but we are talking about “all hands on deck” with regards to our Spiritual work.**
- a. Are we busy doing the work of the Lord?
  2. **Ephesians 4:16** (NKJV) - 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. - **Are you fulfilling your duty and service to the Savior?**
  3. Are you doing your part so the body can increase?
- E. **WORKMANSHIP** - If we are in the ship with the Savior then there is work to do.
1. **Ephesians 2:8-10** (NKJV) - 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. - **Christians are God's workmanship.**
    - a. He created us in Christ Jesus for good works.
    - b. The good works he has authorized us to do.
  2. **Matthew 21:28-31** (NKJV) - 28 “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ 29 He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. 30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. - **We must go to work.**
    - a. As Christians we have said we would go but have we gone into the vineyard?
- F. **CRAFTSMANSHIP** - If we are in the ship with Jesus we are not just workers but we become workers who are skilled in their craft.
1. **2 TIM. 2:15** - “Study (be diligent) to show yourself approved unto God a worker who needs not to be ashamed” - **Why do we not need to be ashamed?**
    - a. Because we have honed our skills and become effective teachers of the word of God.
  2. 2 Timothy 2:1-5 (NKJV) - 1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. - **Are we striving for mastery?**
- G. **BATTLESHIP** - If we are in the ship with Jesus we will at times come under attack from those out side. Are we prepared to go to battle?
1. We have in our back yard here the North Carolina Battleship - if I recall when it was first talked

about bringing it here the kids in the schools collected pennies and loose change to help to get it here - it was a community effort. When you visit this ship and your walk through the self guided tour you realize that this amazing ship was a community affair. Each one had a roll to play and do their jobs if it were to stay afloat and not sink to the bottom of the ocean during World War II.

- a. In much the same brethren we are in the ship together - some have abandoned ship, some have been killed (thru death - brother Tom, Brother Bill) in the battle, some are wounded like sister Elizabeth and brother Jim - the question comes and I ask you and myself what are we doing on this battleship - we call life?
  - b. Satan is our enemy - He is seeking to destroy us - sometimes he punches holes in our faith, many times his arrows are sharp and piercing - but we can overcome, we can endure and we can be victorious. - "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THU CHRIST JESUS WHO STRENGTHENS ME" - **Phil 4:13**  
(1) We are in the ICAN state not the GIVEUP state.
  - c. This what made it possible to have this wonderful battleship here in our backyard.
2. **Jude 3** (NKJV) - 3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. - **If we are in the ship with Jesus we must be able to earnestly contend for the faith.**
  3. **1 Timothy 6:12** (NKJV) - 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. - **Fight the good fight of faith so we can lay hold on eternal life.**
  4. **1 Peter 3:15** (NKJV) - 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; - **Be ready - be prepared to defend the truth**

### III. In CONCLUSION -

- A. If during the storm the disciples had bailed out of the ship they would have perished.
- B. If we are Christians we must stay in the ship with the Savior and there will be peace and calm.
- C. Are you in the ship with the Savior?
  1. Eternal security is only found in Christ!!! ---- **Ephesians 1:3** (NKJV) - 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

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<sup>1</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.