

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 8:22–56

Faith Over Fear

Big Idea: Jesus wants you to overcome fear by trusting Him.

"To trust God in the light is nothing, but to trust him in the dark—that is faith." – Spurgeon

Three reasons:

I. Jesus is Greater Than the Storm (vv.22–25)

²²One 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, ²³and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a **windstorm** [*Gr. Lailaps*] came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and **rebuked the wind** and the **raging waves**, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He 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?"

II. Jesus is Greater Than Evil (vv.26–39)

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ...³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him.³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

III. Jesus is Greater Than Disease and Death (vv.40–56)

⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, **"Who was it that touched me?"** ...⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ And he said to her, **"Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."** ⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." ⁵⁰ But Jesus on hearing this answered him, **"Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."** ⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. ⁵² And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, **"Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping."** ⁵³ And they **laughed** at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, **"Child, arise."** ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were **amazed**, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

"Men will trust in God no further than they know him... they cannot exercise faith in him beyond sight of his fullness and faithfulness." – Jonathan Edwards

Isaiah 41:10

"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not anxiously look around you for I am your God. Surely I will help you; surely I will strengthen you; surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Discussion Guide | **with** - Luke 8:22–56

What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read Luke 8:22–25

- The sermon noted that the “storm” can picture the unpredictability of life and adversity.
What storms are you currently facing?
- How aware do you feel of God's presence with you in them?

Read Luke 8:26–39

- What kinds of evil have you seen in your life and in the world?
- How do you feel when you encounter or notice that evil?
- How can you entrust yourself to Christ's victory over evil?

Read Luke 8:40–56

- How have you seen God heal disease and death?
- How do you feel about dying?

Final Reflection

- What are your most common fears, and in what specific ways is Jesus calling you to trust Him today?