

"Jesus, the Constant"

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Jesus has a way of remaining consistent even under the most chaotic of circumstances. In the eighth chapter of Luke, we have a small, but mighty, account of the Lord calming a storm on the sea. Previously to the storm, Jesus instructed His disciples to go across to the other side of the lake. They began their trip but shortly after, the followers watched as water poured into the boat with mighty gusts of wind.

The disciples acted on their fear and hurriedly woke the Lord up. Jesus proceeded to get up, rebuke the sea, and enter into a brief dialogue with his company on the boat. Within a few words, the Son of Man had pointed out the main fault in the actions of the sailors. "Where is your faith?"

It is true that the disciples were in danger. Luke affirms the reality of danger in 8:23. However, before that, it is also true that Jesus told His disciples to travel to the other side of the lake. Waves, gusts of wind, and faithless worry were not going to debilitate the original plans of Jesus. Unfortunately, the storm of fear was mightier than the calm of faith for these disciples.

There are several truths to be gleaned from such a brief account of Jesus in His disciples. Here are a few to consider:

1. **Jesus Leads to the Shore** (Luke 8:22) - The Lord gave the destination; the disciples had a problem with the journey. Faith doesn't backdown at the sight of danger.
2. **Danger is a Reality** (Luke 8:23) - This account does not try to downplay the reality of danger. However, the disciples definitely downplayed the might of God and the power of faith. Faith can overcome surrounding variables.
3. **Jesus is a Constant in Times of Chaos** (Luke 8:24) - Notice the disposition of Jesus; He was sleeping in the storm. What felt like the end of the world to the disciples, was merely just brief experience for Jesus.

As I drove through town today, I noticed the roads were empty, grocery store parking lots were occupied with cars, and the news was loud with worry. I also noticed a beautiful blue sky, birds singing, clouds carelessly wafting, and the mountains standing proud. While mankind remained frantic, nature harmonized with peace. It goes to show that there are constants even among chaos. Jesus can be that rock that He describes in Matthew 7:25.

"and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."



Welcome

TO
KOUNTZE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jan.

"In these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world."

Hebrews 1:2

16th

Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class – 7:00

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Today's Lessons

AM.....He is Better than the Prophets
PM.....He Has Done All Things Well

Men to Serve

Announcements.....Bud Wolcott
Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald
Opening Prayer.....
Communion Leader.....Steve Deatrick
Sermon.....Corey Tackett
Closing Prayer.....

Announcements and Upcoming Events

- We will host an area wide singing on January 28th.
- There will be a men's business meeting TODAY after the second service.
- The contribution plates will no longer be in the back. They will be passed around during services.
- Keep Landon & the Smith family in your prayers. He is the 1st grader who was life flighted earlier this week.

Records

Sunday AM..... Wednesday PM.....N/A
Sunday PM..... Contribution.....N/A

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.

If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

Prayer Requests and Updates

Members:

- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams
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Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright
- Kyle Shavers
- Danny Roberts
- Steve Martinka
- Jerry Barry
- Shawn Gunter
- Susan Golden
- Kyle Tantillo
- Landon Smith