

Sermon Title: Encounters with Jesus - Jesus is God, Right Here, Right Now!

Speaker: Larry Felder, Sr. Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the sea." So they left the crowd and took him along since he was in the boat. And other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking over the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. He was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. So they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher! Don't you care that we're going to die?" He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Then he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" And they were terrified and asked one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

Matthew 4:35-41

Sermon Outline:

- I. When we have a real encounter with Jesus will learn something new about Him and see things with a new perspective.
- II. Jesus was not a teacher sent from God, he is God come to teach.
- III. While Jesus is asleep literally, the disciples are figuratively asleep.
- IV. The Disciples are afraid and Christ asks do you still have no faith?
- V. Jesus says in the midst of the storm, I am God, Right Here, Right Now.
- VI. We have multiple fears, but the disciples deliverance had nothing to do with their faith. Good can overcome our deficiencies no matter what they are.

Sermon Summary:

Pastor Larry Felder Sr. offers the 3rd sermon in the Encounters with Jesus eries, on the disciples in the boat.

Sermon Questions:

- I. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
 - How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
 - In your family of origin, when a crisis (storm) hit, how is it dealt with? What unhealthy characteristics may you be carrying because of that past?
 - What is a fear you have had to deal with in your life? How were you able to overcome that? Have you felt like a failure in fighting your fears?
 - Have you surrounded yourself with people who feed your fears or people who help lead you to God and out of that fear?
 - Is there a storm or fear you are facing right now and need prayer for? The community is here to stand with you in your storm and when your faith is not enough to remind you our Lord is enough.