

The Security of His Divine Power

Luke 8:22-25

So when Jesus calmed the storm, he was claiming his right to rule the world that he made. Creation's Creator is also creation's Lord. The disciples witnessed this firsthand when their Master stood up in the boat and rebuked the sea. Who is this Jesus? He is the Lord of the storm, the Ruler of nature, and the God of all creation. This same Jesus—who has the power to save—calls us to have faith in him through the winds and waves of every storm. This does not mean that we will never suffer any harm. But it does mean that Jesus will see us through. Ryken

- I. Our relationship with Jesus Christ is to be based on a complete **dependent** trust in him. If we believe that he works all things for our good, and if we believe we have been called according to his purpose because we love him, then why is it so difficult for us to trust him? Trust is a choice to commit our ways to him despite the uncertainty of living in a fallen world. To stand firm in the faith simply means that we trust him with everything that is going on in our lives.

Mark 4:37-38

Rom. 8:28

Isa. 7:1-2

Isa. 7:4

Isa. 7:9-12

μέγας megas = fierce, furious, large (vs. 37)

“Why doesn’t God change us instantly? Why doesn’t he remove the afflictions in our lives? It is enough for us to know that God is God and simply trust him. But notice one particular advantage of this daily battle. It teaches us to cry out to him and rely on him instead of ourselves... Faith and trust are qualities God prizes. Without daily struggles there would be no compelling reason to call out to him and say, ‘I need you,’ which is a definition of faith.” Ed Welch

Psalm 56:3 *When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.*

Isaiah 26:3 *You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*

Psalm 118:8 *It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.*

- II. The question that should be foremost in our minds is, where is my faith? Do I really trust in Jesus to guide and direct me through the storms of life, or is my faith shallow, fleeting and insecure? What or whom am I putting my trust in, is it the idol of self, pleasure, fear, man, or wealth, or am I truly looking to God to be my refuge and strength, confident that he is always ready to help me in times of trouble (Ps. 46:1).

Mark 4:39-40
1 Peter 5:7
Phil 4:6-7
Matt 11:28-30

μέγας megas = completely, perfectly calm (vs. 39).

1 Peter 1:6-7 *In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

- III. The question we should challenge ourselves with is, do I really know Jesus? Our primary responsibility is to know him in increasing measure through prayer and his Word. The deeper our relationship with Jesus goes will ultimately determine the depth of our trust in him. Are you willing to foster what will ultimately give you a deeper sense of awe and appreciation of his care for you?

Luke 8:25b
Ps 65:5-7
Ps 89:8-9

μέγας megas = exceedingly, very much afraid (vs. 41)

Eph. 1:17-19a *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably **great power** for us who believe.*