



**WEST  
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**Week 18**

**Sermon Series:** Lessons from the Sinless Savior

**Sermon Title:** TBD

**Sermon Text:** Luke 8:22-25

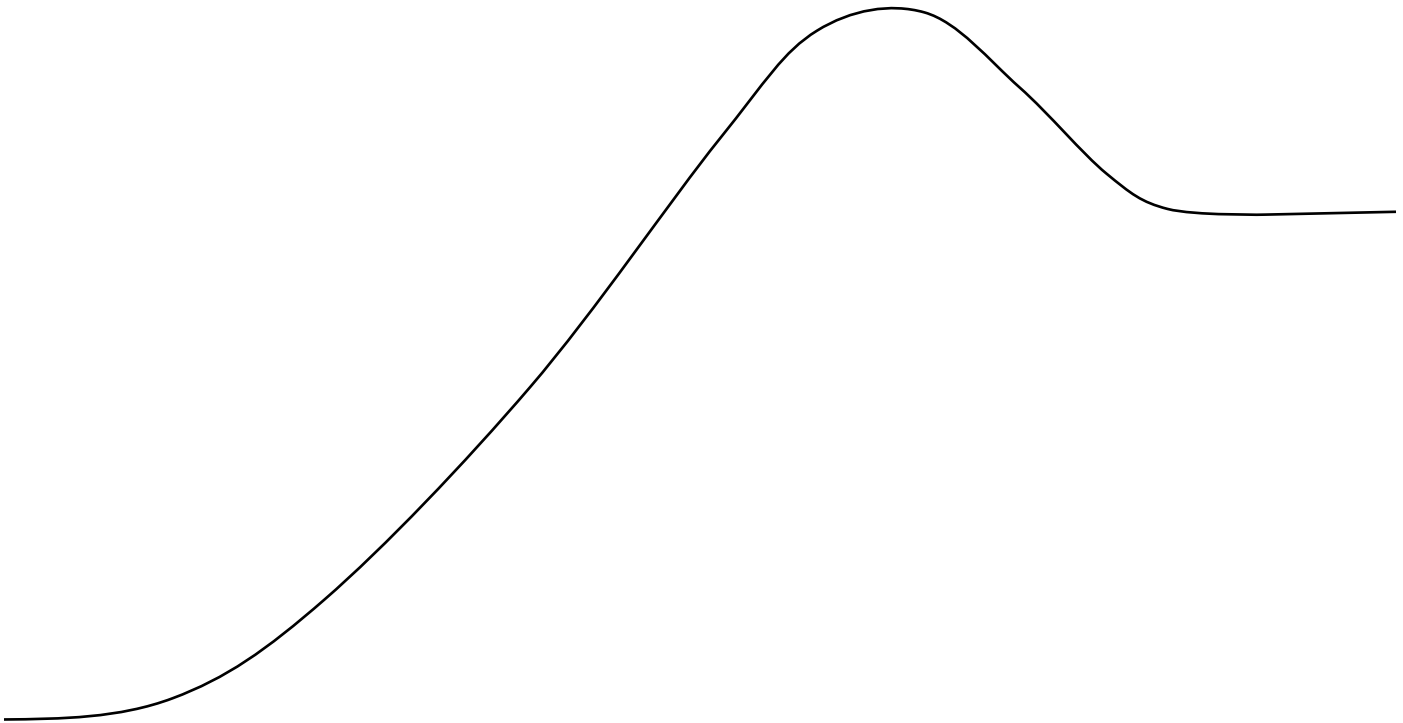
**Group Week of:** November 19, 2023

**Sermon Date:** November 26, 2023

<b>Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies</b>	
<b>Day 1</b>	The Goodness of Trials – James 1:2-12
<b>Day 2</b>	Faith, Hope & Waiting – Rom 8:18-25
<b>Day 3</b>	God’s Work in the Fire – 1 Peter 1:3-9
<b>Day 4</b>	Faith in God vs. Danger – 1 Samuel 17
<b>Day 5</b>	God’s Faithfulness – Psalm 36

**The Text:** Luke 8:22-25

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



**Textual Questions**

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see God teaching through Luke in this passage?
- 2) How is Jesus able to sleep during the storm?
- 3) What does the question, “Where is your faith?” reveal about the disciples?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) What sort of fears, worries, and anxieties do you have on a day-to-day basis? Please don't try to pretend like you're tough answering this question. You'll only be hurting yourself.
  
- 2) Fear, worry, and anxiety are often responses of the heart to things we care about being potentially threatened or thwarted. When you are going through times of fear, worry, or anxiety, how "real" does the potential threat feel to you? For example, someone who is scared on a roller coaster might feel afraid of dying, and though the chances of dying are low, they feel very real as the roller coaster begins its descent.
  
- 3) In our moments of worry, that fear of terrible possibilities becomes faith or belief that those terrible things are going to happen. In those moments, our faith is in the things we are afraid of. In this way, fear and faith and have a very interesting relationship.
  - i. Consider the disciples for a moment. What were they afraid of? And where was their faith?
  
  - ii. Now think about your own fears. What are you afraid of, and where is your faith in those moments?
  
- 4) The truth is that fear is an incredible opportunity to make the choice to put our faith in God rather than in the dangers we are facing. If we don't have opportunities like that, we don't actually have the opportunity to "walk by faith" which is an incredibly God-glorifying and sanctifying part of the Christian life. How does Jesus help the disciples to get over their fear of death and reestablish their faith in God in this passage?
  
- 5) I hope by now you see that it is very possible to fear God and yet put your faith in Him at the same time (because that is what we are doing anyway with our fears in this life). How can you cultivate a fear of the Lord that also becomes faith in the Lord in the midst of the other fears, worries, and anxieties that you are already dealing with?
  
- 6) One way that fear of the Lord differs from our other fears is that the fear of the Lord leads to peace. In your own words, explain how the fear of the Lord can bring peace even in the midst of life-threatening circumstances.
  
- 7) Bring your fears to the Lord and ask Him to help you fear and hope in Him more than anything else.