

Life Church Sermon Scriptures for July 29, 2012

Jesus Calms the Storm

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KEY PASSAGE: **Matthew 8:23-27 (NIV)**

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

James 1:2-5 (Phillips)

When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realise that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character with the right sort of independence. And if, in the process, any of you does not know how to meet any particular problem he has only to ask God - who gives generously to all men without making them feel foolish or guilty - and he may be quite sure that the necessary wisdom will be given him.

Luke 8:25 (the Message)

Then he said to his disciples, "Why can't you trust me?"

Isaiah 43:1-2 (NIV)

But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel,

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

John 16:33 (NIV)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Psalms 91: 5-7 (NIV)

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

Psalms 91: 14-15 (the Message)

"If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says GOD,

"I'll get you out of any trouble.

I'll give you the best of care

if you'll only get to know and trust me.

Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times;

I'll rescue you, then throw you a party.

Psalms 91: 14-15 (Amplified)

Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows *and* understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness—trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never].

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

Understanding the Bible

Here, for your convenience, are the Bible passages that we will be using in today's sermon at Life Church. We use modern versions of the Bible so that you can read it in contemporary English. You may have been accustomed to reading or hearing the King James Version of the Bible, which uses older English (with words like "thee", "thou", "thine", "believeth", etc.). If so, don't be alarmed - the passages below are really from the Bible even though they are in modern English.

The Bible was originally written in three ancient languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. None of the people in the Bible, and none of the people who God used to write it spoke English. In fact, English did not even exist as a language when the Bible was written. The King James Version, first published in 1611, was a translation of the Bible from its original languages into the every day English that people used back then - almost 400 years ago! They didn't just speak that way in church - they spoke that way with everyone. The King James Version was "modernized" in 1769, but, even so, English has certainly changed a lot since then! Since you probably don't speak Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek, you're going to have to read the Bible in translated form. At Life Church we believe that since you're going to read an English translation of the Bible you might as well use an up to date one - written in the English you speak every day. God wants you to understand his Word so that you can put it into practice!

1) Reply to Jesus' email

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2) Choose a name to learn more about

Jehovah Jireh = Our Provider –The Lord provides (Genesis 22:14 ; Luke 5:4-9)

Jehovah Shalom = The Lord my Peace (Judges 6:24 ; Romans 8:1-2)

Jehovah Tsidkenu = The Lord my Righteousness (Lev. 11:44-45; Jeremiah 23:6 ; ii Cor 5:21)

Jehovah Mekeddeshem = The Lord who Sanctifies (Leviticus 20:7-8 ; Isaiah 6:3; 1 John 1:5)

Jehovah Nissi = Our Banner, Standard (Refuge) (Ex: 17:15; 1 Chron. 29:11-13; Song 2:4)

Jehovah Shammah = The Lord Who is Present – (Isaiah 66:1, Ezekiel 48:35)

Jehovah Rohi = The Lord my Shepherd (Psalm 23, John 10:11)

Jehovah Rophe = Our Healer (wholeness and health) (Exodus 15:26: 1 Peter 2:24)

Jehovah Sabaoth= The Captain of the host, the armies of Heaven (Isaiah 44:6; Joshua 5:14)