**Enduring Storms, Experiencing Amazement**

***Matt 8:23-27 (ESV)***

**Worship Songs:**

Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7lWVi5oRcE>

Praise you in this Storm <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwFJm4MPsCU>

He will Hold me Fast performed by Momo

**Introduction:** Who do you follow?

**Background:**

Matthew wrote his gospel account to show why you should follow Jesus.

* Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of God is near (Matt 3:2 & 4:17)
  + Also seen in Acts 2:38 & 26:20
* Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God (Matt 16:16)
* Jesus proved his authority with his teachings (Sermon on the Mount Matt 5-7)
* Jesus proved his authority with his miracles of healing

Our passage today summarizes what to expect when you follow Jesus!

I. Followers of Jesus Suffer Storms

A. Seasoned Fishermen did not foresee a change in the weather

B. Christians don’t foresee suffering but should expect it.

(Phil 1:29 & James 1:2-3)

II. In the Midst of Storms, God is in Control

A. Jesus slept because he was tired but also because he was in control.

B. Christians are comforted by scriptures demonstrating God’s Dominion

(Rom 8:28 & Matt 6:25-34)

III. We are Saved from our Storms through Faith

A. Disciples asked to be saved out of fear

B. Disciples were saved despite their “little” faith

(contrasted with the faith of the Centurion [Matt 8:5-13])

IV. When Jesus saves, it is immediate

A. Jesus rebuked the wind and the sea, there was a great calm

B. Jesus’ other miracles were immediate

(leper – 8:3, Centurion’s servant – 8:13, Peter’s mother-in-law – 8:15)

V. When you follow Jesus, expect to be amazed.

A. Jesus’ glory was being progressively revealed to the disciples

B. Jesus’ glory is progressively revealed to us when we follow Jesus

**Jesus’ followers endure storms and experience amazement!**