

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#26 – “When Sea Billows Wail, It is Still Well with My Soul”

Luke 8:22-25

#### I. Introduction.

##### A. The perfect storm

1. Pastor Don & Diedre far away pastoral call to Wisconsin.
  - a. High seas and the badger.

##### B. Today’s text.

1. Sea of Galilee – It can be a place of peril.

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 8:22-23

1. Turbulence of this sea – Leon Morris.
2. Many of the disciples were professional fishermen. Yet, they had not experienced this type of storm – Matt. 8:24.
3. “They began to be swamped.”
  - a. When bailing has no affect.

##### B. Luke 8:24

1. Jesus asleep.
2. Did the disciples remember? Ps 69:1,15; Jonah 2:3
3. Discrepancies in the gospel reporting of this event are not a reason for an attack on inerrancy.
  - a. There was great confusion among the disciples.
4. Did they remember Jesus power to control the fish?  
Psalm 65:5-7; 89:9

5. He rebuked the wind and the sea became calm.

- a. The wind and the water became calm – a miracle to be sure – Mark 4:39.

##### C. Luke 8:25

1. “Where is your faith?”
  - a. Also Luke 12:28; Matthew 6:30; 14:31; 16:8; 17:20
2. They had seen Him do miracles in the past but this is the first time that the miracle involved life and death for them.
  - a. Contrast with Paul – Acts 27:14-44; I Cor. 11:22-23
  - b. Kent Hughes
3. The disciples forgot who really was in the boat with them.
4. They were fearful and wondered “who is this who commands the winds and water and they obey Him?”
  - a. Mark 4:41
  - b. An encounter with the Holy.
  - c. R. C. Sproul on the trauma of holiness.

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. We all know similar turbulent waters as those of the Sea of Galilee because of oceans of personal anxiety.
- B. When faced with the swamping over from anxiety, go to Jesus.
- C. Going to Jesus means going to the Word through prayer while looking to the church for wisdom, admonishment, and comfort.
- D. Here are three reasons to trust God when faced with stormy gales.
- E. An encounter with the holiness of God always reminds us to lift our eyes upward.