

The Touch of Jesus

“Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.” (Luke 4:40)

Lessons from miracles Jesus did, as they are recorded in the Book of Luke.

LESSON 6: Stilling the Storm

“And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.”

(Luke 8:24)

As you listen to the teacher, fill in the blanks!

1. One of the women that was healed by Jesus was named Mary _____.
2. According to the Bible, pastors must be _____.
3. The women served Jesus in _____ for His miracles in their lives.

Some of the miracle stories of Jesus appear in several books of the New Testament. The stilling of the storm is found in Matthew 8 and Mark 4, as well as here in Luke 8:22-25. As you read this story, you will be struck again with the importance of faith in seeing the miraculous. We saw this also in the healing of the palsied man (Luke 5:20) and in the healing of the servant (Luke 7:9). Actually faith was a critical factor in the healing of the leper (Luke 5:12-15) and the healing of the withered hand (Luke 6:6-11), although the word “*faith*” is not mentioned in these two accounts. Let’s review. The leper had faith that Jesus *could* do whatever He willed to do! The men who brought the man with palsy had faith that if they just *got him to Jesus*, he would be fine! The man with the withered hand had faith to *obey* a command of Jesus. The centurion had faith in the unlimited *authority* of Jesus. Faith took different forms, but faith usually had a role in the performing of miracles. Now let’s see how important faith is to Jesus in the stilling of the storm. He asked His disciples, “*Where is your faith?*” (Luke 8:25)

“The Other Side”

Verse 22 records a command and a promise of Jesus. Do you see it? He told His disciples to take the boat to “*the other side of the lake.*” The command was “*go over.*” The promise was in the rest of the statement. Jesus was saying that they were going to make it all the way across the Sea of Galilee. Remember how we learned in the story of the

healing of the withered hand that if the Lord commands something, it can be done? He always gives us the power to obey His commands. So the direction to cross the lake assured safe passage across. They were expected to *believe in this promise*. We all need to believe the promises of God. Faith in the Words of the Lord will get us safely through life. Notice how faithful God is to His Word. In verse 23, we see that the boat *filled up* with water but did not sink (Confirm this in Mark 4:37)! If God says you will make it across the sea, *you will make it*, no matter how bad the storm is that you may encounter in the voyage!

“We Perish”

Not only should we have faith in God’s Word, we should also have faith in God’s *love*! Verse 24 gives us the idea that the disciples were disturbed that Jesus was sleeping. Didn’t He care that they were all about to drown? We can confirm that they questioned His love by looking up Mark 4:38. Don’t ever doubt that Jesus loves you. Build up your faith in His love by reading several times the beautiful words of Romans 8:37-39. Troubles and trials do come, but the Lord does love you!

“What Manner of Man”

He asked, “*Where is your faith?*” Have you no faith in My Word? Have you no faith in My love? Even without much of their faith, Jesus stilled the storm. This proves that faith is not absolutely essential to a miracle. It is not our faith that produces the miraculous; it is His unlimited power! When He wills to do something, He can and will do it! But notice their response in verse 25. They were amazed at His power. This reminds us to have faith in the *power* of Christ. Never stop believing that He can do anything. Have faith in His power, in His Word, and in His love. Such enduring faith is essential to happy and successful Christian living!