

Jesus, Son of God Authority Like None Other

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²³ Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him.

²⁴ Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. ²⁵ The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”

²⁶ 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.

²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!” **Matthew 8:23-27, NIV**

²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being **swamped**, and they were in **great danger**. **Luke 8:23, NIV**

In a fallen world, furious _____ are going to rage and threaten to _____ us.

- The danger may be _____.
- Yet nothing is ever beyond Jesus’ _____.

³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, **don’t you care** if we drown?” **Mark 4:38, NIV**

When storms _____, fears _____. Our fears will tell us that God doesn’t _____ about us.

²¹ Another disciple said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ²² But Jesus told him, “**Follow me**, and let the dead bury their own dead.” **Matthew 8:21-22, NIV**

Following Jesus is not about _____ the storm, or _____ the fear.

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7, NIV

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:5-7, NIV**

When fears rise, _____ and _____ often rise with them.

- The disciples saw that the Lord was _____.
- They ran with their _____ to Jesus.
- Jesus calmed their _____ and the _____.

²⁵ “**Where is your faith?**” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

Luke 8:25, NIV

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the **salvation** and the **power** and the **kingdom** of our God, and the **authority** of his Messiah.” **Revelation 12:10a, NIV**

Jesus has _____ like none other. What Jesus says _____, no matter to _____ or to _____ he says it. Even when we have trouble finding our _____, we will find _____ and _____ in him.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will follow Jesus *wherever*—even through the frightening storms of life—by trusting that what he says goes.

What’s your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.