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The Blueprint of a Storm

- Jesus invites His disciples to take a boat across the Sea of Galilee. (8:22-23a)
- A “windstorm” swiftly arises and brings them into a physically perilous storm. (8:23b)
- The disciples frantically awake Jesus and He commands the storm to stop. (8:23b-24)
- Jesus asks the disciples “where” their faith is. (8:25a)
- The disciples’ fear turns to awe and amazement. (8:25b)

5 Ways God Uses Storms for Our Spiritual Wholeness:

1. To **expose** the weaknesses in our faith.
2. To **strengthen** the core fundamentals of our faith.
3. To **refine** the focus of our faith.
4. To **magnify** His glory, power & grace in our hearts & minds.
5. To **point others** to Jesus Christ through our actions of faith.

Observations

- 8:22** Jesus never makes a mistake as He leads and guides us.
- 8:23a** A season of calm can often precede a storm.
- 8:23b** Storms can often take us by surprise with their swift arrival.
- 8:24** Jesus is always with us in the middle of our storm.
- 8:25a** We must learn to seek Jesus' guidance in faith rather than in fear or doubt.
- 8:25b** Jesus allows storms to enter our lives for our spiritual wholeness and sanctification.

Application

1. We must **learn** to see storms and trials as God's grace in action. (*2 Corinthians 12:9*)
2. We must **comfort**, **admonish**, and **help one another** as we learn together to see storms and trials as God's *grace* in action. (*Hebrews 10:23-25*)

Application

3. When storms of life come (*or you see them approaching on the horizon*), **ask God to use this storm to accomplish these 5 things in your life for His glory:**
- Ask God to **expose** any weaknesses in your faith.
 - Ask God to **strengthen** the core fundamentals of your faith.
 - Ask God to **refine** the focus of your faith.
 - Ask God to **magnify** His glory, power, & grace in your heart & mind.
 - Ask God to use your testimony of faith to **point others** to Jesus Christ.

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