



## Doubts in the Times of Storms

*23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' 26And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. 27They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'* (Matt. 8:23-27 NRSV).

Several issues surround this amazing story of Jesus. One issue I question is his ability to sleep in the middle of a storm that was so powerful that water washed over the boat. I think it is safe to say that Jesus was a very heavy sleeper. As this story unfolds the disciples plead with Jesus to do something. Jesus' response was one of amazement that the disciples still didn't get it. They did not understand that Jesus was the Son of God. The disciples' response to this miracle is evidence that they had no idea that they were in the presence of the Son of God.

The disciples had witnessed many other miracles before this miracle. Why did they still question Jesus? Why didn't they simply believe? They met the living God face to face, but still doubted. What amazes me is that, despite witnessing this miracle, there would still be doubt and actual denial.

I am, sad to say, a lot like the disciples. I have experienced the presence of God in my life. I have witnessed his works as I preach the Good News. I have seen him heal my soul and I, who once was spiritually blind, now see. Why do I still continue to doubt?

Although Jesus questioned the faith of the disciples, there is a positive about what the disciples did. They acknowledged and went to the one who could calm the storm. The story does not say, though it implies, that the disciples had no idea how Jesus would help. The only thing they knew was that he was a place of comfort. They knew that he was the one to run to for answers. They, in their doubts, had no idea what Jesus would do or say to help get them out of a bad situation. They just went to the right source.

This story reflects the fact that storms are raging all around us in our lives. We are flooded with financial issues, day to day worries, and crisis that occur. We only need to turn to that calm presence that is in the boat, so to speak, with us. The God who calms the sea restores and refreshes our souls. He is with us. We must turn to him and ask for His help.

### ***Be Still My Soul***

*Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;*

*Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;*

*Leave to thy God to order and provide;*

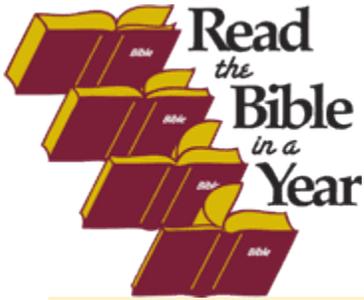
*In every change He faithful will remain.*

*Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend*

*Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Text of "Be Still My Soul" by Catharina von Schlegel, 1697-?*

*Translated by Jane Borthwick, 1813-1897*



**Acolytes:**

**February 3<sup>th</sup>: Alec Actkinson, Cooper Nichols, and Madison Osborn**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>: Zeke Kasel, Katy Mahaney, and Charley Oberney**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Mahaney, Lane Terry, and Maryn Terry**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>: Rory Pomper, Brody White, and Caeleb MacDonald**

- Feb 1 - Leviticus 11-14
- Feb 2 Leviticus 15-17
- Feb 3 Leviticus 18-20
- Feb 4 Leviticus 21-23
- Feb 5 Leviticus 24-27
- Feb 6 – Numbers. 1-3
- Feb 7 – Numbers 4-6
- Feb 8 – Numbers 7-9
- Feb 9 – Numbers 10-13
- Feb 10 – Numbers 14-16
- Feb 11 – Numbers 17-19
- Feb 12 – Numbers 20-22
- Feb 13 – Numbers 23-26
- Feb 14 – Numbers 27-29
- Feb 15 – Numbers 30-32
- Feb 16 – Numbers 33-35
- Feb 17 - Numbers 36 ,  
Deuteronomy . 1-3
- Feb 18 - Deuteronomy 4-6
- Feb 19 – Deuteronomy 7-9
- Feb 20 – Deuteronomy 10-12
- Feb 21 – Deuteronomy 13-16
- Feb 22 – Deuteronomy 17-19
- Feb 23 – Deuteronomy 20-22
- Feb 24 –Deuteronomy 23-25
- Feb 25 – Deuteronomy 26-29
- Feb 26 – Deuteronomy 30-32
- Feb 27 – Deuteronomy 33-34,  
Joshua 1
- Feb 28 – Joshua 2-4

Head Usher for February : **Larry Kelsay**



- February 03 Roy Snodgrass
- February 10 Scott & Megan Terry
- February 17 Lynne Mahaney
- February 24 Joe & Cazandra MacDonald

**Confirmation class**  
**Sunday 10:00 am CST**  
**YOUTH GROUPS**  
**Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm CST**  
**PRESIDENTS DAY Feb 18th Office closed**

**Attention Ladies**



We are offering a new Bible/Book study with **two options**. If you would like a book, please let the office know by February 4th.

Make time to join us for the study fellowship.

**Tuesday Feb 12th 6:00-7:00 Pm**

**Or**

**Wednesday Feb 13th 12:00—1:00 pm**



February 15<sup>th</sup> Rodney and Brenda Wren



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February 28<sup>th</sup> Robin Howard

**Thank you to everyone that helped with "LIGHTHOUSE MISSION" during the month of January. The gift of your time and love was greatly appreciated by all we served. Our next day to serve will be Monday, April 1st.**



We have a website! Visit [www.hamlinmemorialumc.org](http://www.hamlinmemorialumc.org). It is a work in progress, so please be patient. If you have any pictures to contribute please send them to Cazandra at [cazmac9910@gmail.com](mailto:cazmac9910@gmail.com) or text to 575-405-0768.

**Wouldn't you like to help children learn about God, grow up knowing Jesus, and become loving, strong, and good people? Help send them to church camp!!**

**SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!!!!**

**King's Kids Camp** (entering grades 2-4)

**June 7-9**

**Promise Seekers Camp** (entering grades 4-6)

**July 8-12**

**SYC** (entering grades 7-12)

**June 17-21**

**Music on the Mountain**

(Music Camp) entering grades 7- 12)

**July 7-12**

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to town **Tuesday, April 2nd**

More information is coming at a later date. People from the circus will be making contact with local businesses for support. All proceeds will go to help the

