

Let's Visit

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The Night Of The Storm

The Jewish Rabbis said the Sea of Galilee was God's chosen sea. I have never visited the land where the Sea of Galilee is located and with the turmoil that exists in our world today, I doubt that I shall ever go there. I must be contented reading descriptions of those who have. However, we must remember that Galilee is a rather small body of water. It is oval shaped, only 13 miles long and 6 miles wide. On the eastern shore, mountains rise to about 2,000 feet. To the north is the snow capped summit of Mount Hermon.

It is said to be a chosen sea, not because of its beauty. It is a chosen sea because of its prominence in the life of Jesus. We cannot be certain of the location of most places mentioned in the Bible. We do not know where Calvary or Gethsemane actually were. Yet, we can be certain where the sea of Galilee is. It rolls just as it did in the days of Jesus. The fishermen still fish its waters. The same brown mountains still rise about it. The same stars look down upon it. The same storms convulse its waters.

Take away the incidents in the life of Jesus associated with Galilee and when you do a good part of the gospels is gone. It was at Capernaum Jesus made his home. It was there he worked many of his greatest miracles. Jesus and the disciples preached on the shores of Galilee. It was there Jesus walked on the sea and it was on Galilee that Jesus calmed the stormy sea.

Regardless of what people might say or think, preaching can be strenuous. The physical, mental and spiritual labor is sometimes intense. Mark chapter 4 tells us that Jesus has been teaching and preaching all day. He taught the great Parable of the Sower. There also were other parables and sermons that day. He had been using a fisherman's boat for a pulpit. It is evening and Jesus is weary and worn.

So, Jesus says to the disciples, "Let us pass over to the other side." Mark says they took Him even as he was. That is they took him without any extra baggage. They took Him without even another cloak. It was a "come as you are party. Can you see Jesus as he steps over the side of the ship? See him lie down in the broad seat at the stern. He rests his weary head on a piece of sailcloth. Almost immediately, Jesus falls asleep.

One of the disciples gives the boat a shove down the gravelly beach. Then he leaped in when the boat was in deep water. The black horizontal sail is hoisted. The course is set for the dimly lit hills on the eastern shore. It is a perfect night, the stars are shining, the soft wind is filling out the sail and Jesus is sleeping peacefully. Someone has thrown a mantle over the Lord and all around them there are "other little ships".

The sea of Galilee can be calm one moment and then stormy the next. So it was that night. Andrew and Peter are on the ship and they are not novices, they are experienced sailors. Andrew might say, "looks as if there will be a blow tonight". Peter responds, "perhaps we should shorten the sail." However, before they can make any adjustments, the winds are on them like a hurricane. The sail cracks like the report of a rifle, the winds roar and the sea and wind begin to rage. On every side the great

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"Our Friend Jesus"

Have you ever thought about what it means when we are friends with Jesus? What does Jesus bring to our life? Our text comes from John 15:13-15.

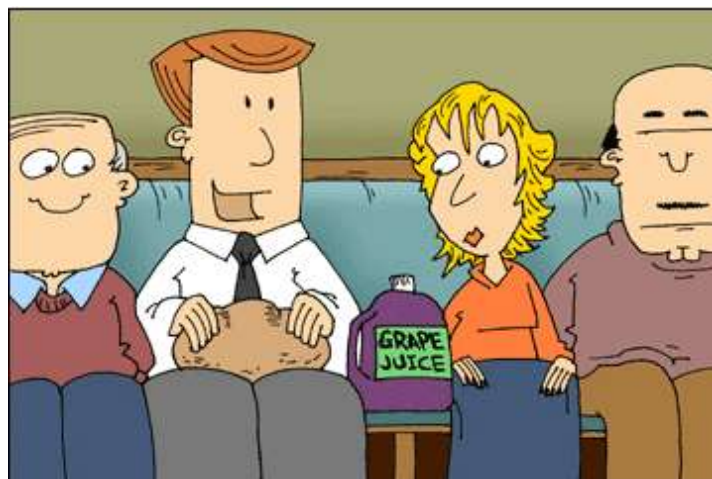
same Jesus who stilled the tempest that night on Galilee can command the winds and the waves that agitate our lives.

The storms of life are many and varied. They break as suddenly as the storm that night on Galilee. Yet, whatever the storm, Jesus can calm the storms in our lives. To those living within the will of God he says, "Peace, be still."

In the storms of life we must follow the example of the disciples. We must call on Jesus and Jesus will calm the storm.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



I REALLY LIKE COMMUNION

Each One Bring One!
52 in '22
Invite Someone Each Week!

Reminder of Ted Holt's new address:

Ted Holt
Burleson St. Joseph Manor
1022 Presidential Corridor East
Caldwell, Texas 77836

For The Pantry. . . Canned Pasta

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waves come rushing in. They smash against the sides of the tiny ship. These disciples were seasoned navigators on Galilee and yet they were all frightened. The waves get higher and higher, the sky is black as the light of the stars is extinguished. Lightning flashes, thunder roars and the rain falls in sheets.

The disciples look and see Jesus as he lies sleeping in the stern of the boat. One moment he is far above their heads and the next he is far beneath them. The frightened disciples debate as to whether to waken Jesus. Finally, they wake him and cry, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Now, can you see Jesus stand majestically in the ship? Do you hear him as he speaks to the elements? Jesus rebuked the wind and it folded its wings. He rebuked the sea and the waves fell flat and then there was a great calm. It was then he spoke to the disciples, "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?"

Life has storms like that. Life and storms go hand in hand. The storms of life typically appear as gradually intensifying. Sometimes, sudden winds of adversity hit us hard. You see, the storms of life have a way of cutting us down to size. Yet, the

Miscellaneous

Remember This Date!
September 11, 2022



Be praying for this to be a great day, make your plans to be here and invite your friends and neighbors to come and join us!

Special Announcement

PLEASE!

We desperately need your presence on Wednesday nights at our Mid-Week Bible Study!

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – Next Sunday, August 14th in the church offices immediately following the morning worship.



Those To Remember In Prayer

Eddie Barnes (friend of Gene & Martha Bradshaw) fell last week and hit his head. This has caused a brain bleed and cracked vertebrae in his neck. He is in UT Tyler in very serious condition.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ted Holt, Tiffanee Klein, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Mitchell Anthony (LaResa Livingston's brother) Ana Blair (friend of Debra Pate) Sandra Hogan (friend of Roxie Bostick) Suzie Hogan (Roxie Bostick's sister) Laurie King (Co-worker of Mike O'Brien,) cancer; Lamar McCormick (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) Calvin Smith (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; Marc Tate (Jana O'Brien's brother) Pat Tate (Jana O'Brien's mother) Tina Vaughn - cancer

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Leland Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw Jeremiah Soape, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

"I believe that one reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church."



Charles H. Spurgeon

*Stop being impressed by people who can quote scripture
And be impressed by those who can live scripture.*



Across The Preacher's Desk

Quite often, we don't feel like the church is what it ought to be. We just feel like the church doesn't quite measure up to its potential. In his inaugural address, January 20, 1961, John F. Kennedy made the now famous statement, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Warren G Harding said something similar at the Republican National Convention in Chicago in 1916. He said, "we must have a citizenship less concerned about what the government can do for it and more anxious about what it can do for the nation."

The challenge issued by these two presidents suggests a like principle which should guide the attitude of every Christian toward the church. We need to be less concerned about being served and more concerned about serving.

Perhaps we should ask not whether this is a good congregation to be a member of but am I a good member of the congregation. We should not ask how much am I loved, but rather how much love do I show to others.

It is not important how many get well cards I receive, but how many cards did I send to others. I must not ask who visited me but who have I taken the time to visit. The question is not whether I was remembered in prayer but did I faithfully remember others in my prayers. It is not how much did I get out of worship or bible class, but how much do I contribute toward making the worship and bible class meaningful for others. Ask not what the church can do for you, ask what you can do for the church.

it's something to think about. . . .tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
52 in '22!**