

THE PERFECT STORM
(Matthew 8:18-27)

Sunday, July 4th, 2010
IBC - Keeseville, NY

INTRODUCTION: In the first seventeen verses of Matthew 8 Jesus cleanses a leper, heals the centurion's servant who was "sick of the palsy", healed Peter's mother-in-law, and cast out demons and "healed all that were sick". because of these miracles Jesus is being mobbed by the multitudes. At this point Jesus gives "sailing orders" to His disciples (*μαθητησ* - MATHETES = a learner). In verses 18-27 we are introduced to three different types of disciples - all three I believe are represented here this morning:

1. The Religious but lost - vvs. 19-20
2. The Procrastinator but saved - vvs. 21-22
3. The Follower but fearful - vvs. 23-27

It is only the disciples in the boat who have to face the storm that is about to arise. They don't know where the Lord is taking them but they have faith enough to get in the boat. If they are going to follow the Lord then they must go by boat and by way of the storm - and it will be the perfect storm. It is in the storm that Jesus so often chooses to teach His followers about Himself and about those of us who would seek to be one of His followers.

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

A. THE S _____ THAT AROSE

1. IN THE _____

2. IN THE _____

B. THE T _____ THAT FEARED

1. IN THE FACE OF _____

2. IN THE FACE OF _____

C. THE O _____ THAT SLEPT

1. IN THE _____

2. IN THE _____

D. THE R _____ THAT CALMED

1. THE _____ OF THE DISCIPLES

2. THE _____ OF THE STORM

E. THE M _____ THAT LIVES

If I can get a grip on two things I can weather any storm life throws at me...

1. IN THE SEA

2. IN THE DISCIPLES