**GREATER POWER OVER GREATER STORM**

 **Text: Luke 8: 22-24**

*Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. 23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm*

1. **OPENING MESSAGE.**
* If your storm is greater, there is also a God who has greater power over the storm.
* This is evident in this bible passage. **Luke 8: 22-24**
* Jesus and his disciples were on voyage from the western shore of Galilee to the Eastern shore.
* Shortly after they sailed, a wild storm arose on the sea.
* In fact, having searched the original bible script, the word **‘storm’** here is originally written as **“hurricane”**
* An hurricane can be best translated as **a ‘furious storm’**
* This is to conclude that the storm encountered here by Jesus and His disciples was not an ordinary storm.
* ***The storm was purposefully furious against them.***
* *The storm* was furious against Jesus and His disciples. The storm wanted to kill them.
* Nevertheless, the storm could not kill Jesus but it could kill His disciples because they were mortal beings.
* In most cases, sea storm use to be **serious** but not **furious**. But this particular storm was not only **serious but furious.**
* This shows that the storm was **planned**, **programed** and **arranged** by a furious demon from the sea. ***And that is why Jesus rebuked it!***
* ***Therefore, every spirit behind the storm of your life is rebuked in Jesus name.***
1. **THE MISTAKES OF THE DISCIPLES IN THIS STORY**
* At the beginning when the storm started, the disciples thought it was the natural or the common storm. So they too started struggling with it. They knew it was not an ordinary storm.
* You may struggle with natural storm, but do not dare to struggle with spiritual storm.
* Their struggles were divided into two namely:
1. The disciple who was the sailor was terribly struggling fighting the storm so that it won’t take the steering of the ship.
2. The other disciples were struggling pushing out water from the ship.
* They were seriously troubled but Jesus was sleeping.
* Why was He sleeping?
* The word ***“sleeping”*** here does not actually translate the natural sleep. The word really means ***“idleness”*** – Jesus was idle.
* When the disciples were running up and down in the ship, Jesus was doing nothing, because His involvement was not sought.
* Do you know that until you involve Jesus in your issue, nothing will be done?
* But when the situation became acute, they involved Jesus. However, they had suffered much trouble.
* It is glaring that they wouldn’t have suffered much trouble if they have involved Jesus on time.
* When Jesus was eventually involved, He did two things:
1. **He rebuked the furious storm.**
2. **He commanded the raging of the water to still.**
* Immediately, the two ceased.
* When Jesus spoke, the furious demon of the sea lost his power. It could no longer stir up the water anymore.
* Therefore, I declare, every satanic spirit responsible for your trouble, sickness and affliction, shall lose its power in Jesus name.
* ***When the furious demon was no more, the storm was calm down.***
* ***The story of a lady who was sick and prayed for at a hospital.***

1. **SEVEN REASONS WHY YOUR STORM SHOULD BE STILLED.**
2. **Storm is a life breaker.**
* It is also a wound multiplier.
* **Job 9:17** For He breaks with a tempest, and multiplies my wounds.
* **In fact, the NKJV says, storm can crush life. Job 9:17** *For He crushes me with a tempest…(NKJV)*
* Furious storm can break your journey to greater success.
1. **Storm is a fortune Waster.**
* **Job 7:6-7** *My days …are spent without hope. 7 O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good.*
* It Can Waste Wealth Gathered by a person for Many Years**.**
* Furious wind can blow away the wealth a man has laboured for. And if it persists more than necessary it will prevent the man from seeing recovery.
1. **Strom is an asset Destroyer.**
* **Acts 27:18** *And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship*
* Assets are the life wire of every man. When you lose them, you are nowhere to be found.
* One should not therefore toy with his storm because; furious storm can waste valuable assets.
* And when your assets are wasted you become a liability.
1. **Storm is a Killer**
* **Job 1:19** *And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead…*
* Storm is a terrible killer. It is a faster killer. It gives no room for its victim to run for escape.
* When storm fights, its casualties can be more than plane crash causalities.
1. **Storm is a hope Terminator.**
* **Acts 27:20** *And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away*
* ***The story of woman who had four grown up children and all died within a year when a certain troubles rose up in the family***.
* If storm is one encounters furious storm, one can easily lose hope, especially if the storm persists.
1. **Storm is Job placement Remover.**
* **Job 27:19-21** *The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not. 20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. 21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth (force) him out of his place.*
* Storm can cause someone to lose his enviable position suddenly. The bible says, ***storm forces him out of his place.***
* Whenever storm arises at a company or governmental/religious organisation, one may lose his position for it.
* This is the reason why some people could enjoy a better place of opportunity for a moment.
* ***Indeed, storm has to be stilled.***
1. **Storm is a Home or Marriage Breaker.**
* **Isaiah 54:11** *O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.*
* Furious storm can cause a man or a woman not to have a stable marital settlement.
* A marriage that started with strong love can be broken beyond an amend through storm.
* Terrible storm is the major cause of divorce or total separation between a couple.
* A marriage of three months, six months or more can be scattered by a storm.
* Even the marriage that is believed to have been properly established can be destroyed through a storm.
* This is the reason why some women were forced out of their matrimonial home.
* Some who were not forced out stay in the marriage as somebody who is locked up inside fire.

***Tonight, God is angry with your storm, therefore, in the name of Jesus, I rebuke the storm***

1. **FOUR POWERFUL WAYS TO STILL THE STORM.**
2. **Fight the spirit behind the storm**
* Most of the storm of life is caused by a spirit or evil forces.
* Until you scatter them, calmness may not be possible.
1. **Attack the spirit and not a person.**
* Stop attacking anyone over your storm.
* Even stop blaming yourself; otherwise, you will add more to the problem.
* Jesus attacked the spirit behind the storm. He didn’t attack the disciples by shifting blame on them.
* He did not even attack the sailor over the direction he sailed the ship.
1. **Be aggressive in prayer because prayer can stop storm.**
* Do not stop praying until the storm is stopped.
* Do not forget, there is no progress you can make when storm is ragging.
* Therefore, with prayers, stop the storm before it stops your existence.
1. **Involve Jesus in the storm.**
* Without Jesus, no storm can stop. The only way to involve Him is to surrender your life to Him.
* But if you had surrendered your life to Jesus before but the salvation has been affected with sins, you still have opportunity of rededicating your life to God again.
* You should not allow a day like this to pass you by.
* Therefore, identify yourself with Jesus. Then He will take over the unrest of your life.
* **Altar call…**