

# FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Authority

## WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

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Introduction:



Sermon Notes

*Where is your faith?*

*In your \_\_\_\_\_  
or in the word of a \_\_\_\_\_?*

- ◆ Faith placed in \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Personal Reflection and Application:**

1. In what natural circumstances or “storms” are you most prone to natural fear?
  
2. Is natural fear of natural circumstances controlling you right now in any way? Is it robbing you of joy, peace or rest?
  
3. Consider the natural circumstances from your answer to question 1. What would it look like to fear God above those circumstances?
  
4. What promises and commandments of God apply to your natural circumstances right now? How does God want to lead you by his word in “calm faithfulness”?

**Gospel Community Discussion Questions:**

1. Consider “the King’s speech” on Sept. 3, 1939 (available to listen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opkMyKGx7TQ&t=187s>). What are some ways strong words of authority can bring comfort and peace to those who are under authority? Why do we sometimes have a hard time viewing authority in this way?
  
2. Read Luke 8:22-25 and Psalm 107:23-32. How does God express his authority over nature, and how does this help us understand our “natural circumstances”? In light of these passages, how should we respond in the “storms of life”?
  
3. In Luke 8:22-25, Compare and contrast the disciples’ response to the storm (before and after) and Jesus’ response to the storm (before and after). Which are you most like in the midst of the storms of life?
  
4. In what “natural circumstances” are you most prone to “natural fear”? Is natural fear of natural circumstances controlling you right now in any way? Is it robbing you of joy, peace or rest?

**Breakout Time**

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Discuss question #4 more deeply together. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.