**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**September 13th, 2020**

**Matthew 8:23-27**

**RECAP:** Last week, we looked at this call to discipleship that Christ offers in v. 18-22. Two individuals came up to Christ and asked to be disciples, or were already disciples with some problems. Christ addresses both.

**THESIS**: Christ calls us to remove fear and lack of trust in Him from our lives.

**EXEGESIS: Matthew 8:23-27 (*also see Mark 4:35-41, and Luke 8:22-25 for reference)***

* Setting: Jesus sets out in a boat down the coast of Galilee, after working extremely hard and through the night to heal an entire village/region of all disease and demonic activity.
* The Greek word for storm here is “**siesmos**,” which means “*shaking/turbulence.*” This is an unusual choice of wording for a storm, as there are other words that Mark and Luke use for the same event.
* **“He was asleep.”** This is truly impossible through natural means! This was clearly a sleep supernaturally designed by God in order to bring about the condition of the disciples *fear.*
* **“Lord, save us, we are perishing!”** Mark’s account is key here. How can the Messiah be asleep right now? How is He not dealing with this storm? *Does God not care about this trial that threatens us?*
* This word for “**fear**” here in the Greek means *“timid, cowardly, or faithless.”* It’s used to encourage Timothy once in **Tim. 1:7** and tell him he doesn’t have a spirit of “fear, timidity,” etc.
* And Christ rebukes them further with the word “**oligos-pistos.**” Compound word for “*small/little faith.*” Not much faith was in these disciples to assure them that all was in God’s will.
* **Doctrine: Fear is opposed to faith. Emotional panic, fear, or terror for one’s well-being, life, will, is a sin against the sovereignty and authority of God.** 
  + **Objection 1)** Fear is not the same as caution, prudence, or concern.
  + **Objection 2)** Fear is not genuine concern or care for someone else’s well-being and safety.
* **Doctrine: All trials, storms, and evils are planned by God, oftentimes in our own lives, to convict and grow us in faith. Such was the case with the disciples here.**
* Jesus **“rebuked”** the waves and the winds, the text says. Matthew notes that He has power over all physical things, all spiritual things, *and even the very elements of nature itself.*

**CONCLUSION:**

* **Put aside any type of fear that forces us to think God is not in control of the situation.**
* **Instead have faith, and trust in the truth that God determined your trials, sufferings, and evils beforehand, to grow, convict, and teach you in the faith.**