



# Grace Hill Church

*The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.*

Where the earlier unit was a call to faith, here Luke presents a series of revelatory events that show Jesus' power. One should respond to him in faith, because of his power and authority over all areas: he stills the storm (8:22-25), exercises demons (8:26-39), heals a woman with a flow of blood (8:42b-48), resurrects a dead child (8:40-42a, 49-56), and provides food for the multitude (9:10-17)." ~Bock, D. L. 1994. *Luke 1:1-9:50*

Given the sea of Galilee's topography, such a storm could descend onto the sea quickly without notice and, at night, could hardly be anticipated. The sea is some seven hundred feet below sea level and is depressed with hills surrounding it. The hills on the east side are particularly steep (Hendrickson 1978: 439-440). Cool air rushing down the ravines and hills around the lake can collide with warm air above the lake and create an instant storm in the confined quarters (Fitzmyer 1981: 729)." ~Bock, D. L. 1994. *Luke 1:1-9:50*

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## **Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song**

### **Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #21**

**Question:** What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God?

**Answer:** One who is truly human and also truly God.

## **Welcoming Each Other**

### **Giving Worship to God: Offering**

### **Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 8.22-25***

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, <sup>23</sup>and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. <sup>24</sup>And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup>He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

## **Understanding God's Word and Our Lives**

**Sermon:** *Faith in Jesus: Ruler of the Created World*

Outline:

1. We May Be Afraid in the Midst of Our Storm, but Jesus is Calm, v. 22-24a
  - a. What is your storm?
  - b. What are the powers of creation (Outside World) that you fear?
2. Jesus Still Commands Creation, v. 24b
  - a. Are you calling on God in the midst of your fear?
3. Jesus Asks Us Why We Do Not Have Faith, v. 25a
  - a. Do you *need* God to show you His power?
  - b. Do you trust His promises?
  - c. Do you trust His presence?
4. We Should Now Fear Jesus More Than the Storm, v. 25b
  - a. Are you submitting to Jesus as God with your fears?
  - b. Are you remembering that Jesus was man when you fear?

## **Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin**

### **Public Prayer**

Father, we confess that we have not trusted your promise of safe passage through our storms. Instead we find ourselves frantically paddling or despairing. Additionally, we have not remembered that your presence ensures our safety. We have demanded evidence of your power that we might trust you. But we have not lived the life of faith that you have called us to.

Lord, you have filled the scriptures with evidence that this world answers to you alone. Help us to believe that in every one of our situations. In Jesus, we have seen that you are the keeper of promises. Your Spirit is continual evidence of your presence. Enable us to always live this truth, because Jesus entered the ultimate storm of God's judgement for us so that we might always be delivered from our storms and brought safely into your presence.

### **Private Reflection**

#### **The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ**

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ~2 Corinthians 4:16-18

### **Responding to the Lord with Worship**

#### **Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13.20-21)

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#### **Announcements:**

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Renewed Covid Policy II. Starts 5/17/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
  1. Based on new medical recommendations, for those who have received their final vaccine, and waited roughly two weeks for full efficacy, masks are not required for indoor attendance. For those who have not been fully vaccinated, masks are required indoor for their own safety.
  2. Our live stream will continue, so please make your personal decisions about attending. We understand that some families with children will prefer to continue with the live stream.
  3. We affirm personal decision to continue to wear masks. If you are sick, please recover at home. Let's give thanks to God for continued progress against the pandemic and let's be thoughtful and considerate of our body, since every member is essential!
- **Volunteers Needed:** Grace Hill is in need of volunteers to run sound on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider if this is an area you can serve in. (We will train you!) For more information, contact Daniel Havener: [daniel@gracehillnc.org](mailto:daniel@gracehillnc.org)
- **Women's Ministry:** Mark your calendars. On June 26th from 11:00-1:00, (location tbd) the Women's ministry of Grace Hill will have a "vision brunch" for what the future of women's ministry will look like. If you have a burden, vision, interest related to any form of spiritual gospel flourishing for women, please join us for a time of brainstorming, prayer, fellowship and brunch. More details to follow. [cathyoodurham@me.com](mailto:cathyoodurham@me.com) or [kaylynfernandez15@gmail.com](mailto:kaylynfernandez15@gmail.com) for interest and questions.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  1. Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  2. Send a physical check
  3. Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.



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