

SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS

Lesson 25 "Authority over Natural and Super-Natural Worlds" Luke 8:22-39

1. Read 8:22-25. In this story Jesus clearly exercises authority over the wind and the sea. What Old Testament 'sea' stories do you think might have been going through the disciples' mind? (Hint: think Noah, Moses etc.) Who commanded the seas in those stories? Talk about how these thoughts might have led the disciples to the 'fear' and 'amazement' they experienced as a result of Jesus' actions.
2. Compare the 'who is this?' questions in 7:49 and 8:25. How is Luke continuing to build this picture of Jesus as One who is no ordinary human?
3. According to His question to the disciples, 'where is your faith?' it seems that Jesus expected by this time that they should be able to trust in His supernatural abilities. Look back over the events of Luke up to this point – what in your opinion are the events that should have built faith in the disciples? Imagine yourself in their shoes – would you have had faith? Do we display faith today in the supernatural power of Jesus?
4. Read 8:26-39. This story clearly displays Jesus' authority over the spirit world. CS Lewis once said, "*There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel and excessive and unhealthy interest in them.*" In your opinion which error is our society more likely to fall into? What can we learn about demons from this incident?
5. Talk about the response of the people (37). Why do you think they responded as they did? Should their fear be seen as 'arrogant contempt' or 'reverential fear' or some other kind?
6. Someone has said, "The power of Jesus to heal produces discipleship". Talk about how this is seen in the life of the man who was healed. What is the significance of him sitting at Jesus' feet (35)? What is he sent home to do? What lesson / challenge should we take from this?

WELCOME VISITORS: DATE _____

Please take a minute to fill out this form and put it in the offering bag or in the blue boxes on the wall at the back.

Name: _____

Family Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PC: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Invited to Chapel by: _____

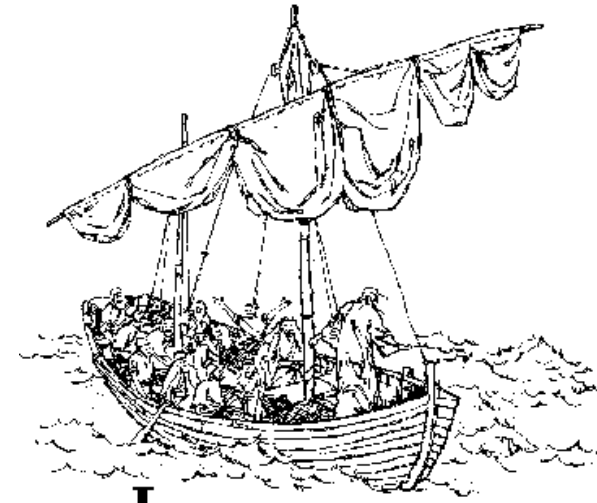
Would you like a visit? _____

Would you like to be added to our email prayer chain? _____

If you have moved please fill out the above for a change of address.

COMMENTS, REQUESTS, OR PRAYER NEEDS:

I would like my prayer request on Oaklands email prayer chain.



Jesus calming the storm

Our Teaching Series
in Luke:
"Discovering the Central Character of Salvation History: Walking beside Jesus for a while...."

Today

MAY 17, 2009

- VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND -

10 am Family Service with Communion

Luke 8:22-39 Authority over Natural and Supernatural Worlds

Speaker: Phil Horton

Babysitting available, classes for Toddler – Grade 12 & ESL

After the service enjoy coffee in the foyer and our library

Noon: UDK and Student Pizza Luncheon

3 pm: Aberdeen Service



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WELCOME TO OAKLANDS CHAPEL! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If Victoria is your home, we would love to have you become a regular member of our fellowship. Please join us for coffee or tea after the service. If you have any special needs or requests please share this with one of the greeters or other members of the congregation. Or contact the office -Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @ 250-595-1411.

AT A GLANCE:

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 24

10 am Family Service with Communion and Baby Dedication
Luke 8:40-56 Speaker: Phil Horton
Noon- Student Lunch & Start of 24-7 Prayer

May 31 is Dag-a-can day

June 5-7 Oaklands Family Camp @ Camp Imadene. Daniel MacDougall will be leading the teaching sessions. Registration is in full swing – get a copy in the foyer!! Could you please note on your form if you have any food allergies. Register today for Sunday only.

June 15 - Men's Golf and BBQ night – see insert

June 28, Sunday 7:00am - 3:00pm Help support Camp Imadene by joining with us in this fundraiser. Register your family, bible study group, church, youth group or friends as a team. Gather pledges and join us on June 28 for a chance to **TAKE THE LAKE for Camp Imadene.** It's a boat race, and there will be prizes for best decorated boat, best costume, most pledges raised, etc. All teams are welcome to arrive the evening of June 27 to prepare for the next day, enjoy the fellowship of others and get a good rest before the event. All funds from your pledges will assist camp in maintaining its low camper fees and provide for program development. To register a team, contact the office or find Clint.

Aug 9 VBS time will be upon us soon!

We need help with Teaching, Crafts, Snacks, Music, Puppets, Games, and just general "kid herding." VBS signup sheet is on the Youth Board. I am also in need of people to help us write the Curriculum. Our theme this year is an Olympic theme. (think Vancouver 2010 in August!) Please contact Clint if you need more info or have any questions., comments, concerns, etc. (For complaints call Sally Crowder)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

SMILE Cards - The Thrifty Foods SMILE Card program is now granting money to Oaklands Chapel to help us replace our aging telephone and hearing assistance systems. Five percent of the amount you spend at Thrifty Foods using your Oaklands Chapel SMILE Card will be granted to us to help with replacing these vital communication systems. See Dave Waldie for an Oaklands Chapel SMILE Card if you don't have one and would like to be involved in this.

Nursery/Toddler: We urgently need helpers for monthly rotations in the Nursery and Toddler classes beginning September 2009. Please speak to Sally.

Sponsorship for Youth Retreat Needed: There is need for monetary sponsorship for 5 kids for the youth retreat last weekend at \$70 each. Total is \$350 – please note **youth** on the donation envelope.

THIS WEEK:

Monday Victoria Day

Tuesday May 19 6:45 am Special Needs Prayer
7:00 pm Dorcas Group

Wednesday May 20 Small Groups

Thursday May 21 Small Groups

Friday May 22, 11:30 am - GOLDEN OAKS - it's the monthly Golden Oaks luncheon for everyone 55 years of age and over--this month featuring Brian and Nina Craig, missionaries to Mexico. Punch is served at 11:30 a.m. with a delicious hot luncheon at 12:00 noon. Phone the office, 250-595-1411, to reserve your seat at a cost of \$6.00.

7 pm – Youth Group – Fun est est er est er Paloosa

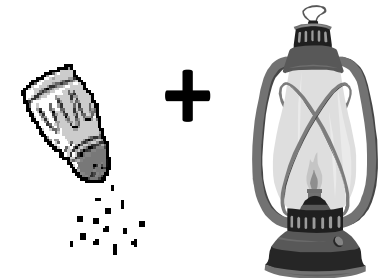
FOCUS ON PRAYER:

Week of 24-7 Prayer at Oaklands

May 24-31, 2009

Jesus calls us to be Salt and Light in this world! Our upcoming week of prayer will be focused on ask the Lord to help us be Salt and Light in the following key areas of influence in our culture: Arts, Entertainment & Media; City & Government; Business & Commerce; Education; Church & Religion; Home & Family. Will you commit to pray during this week?

Pick up a Salt & Light Prayer pamphlet today and sign-up to pray!



PRAYER AND PRAISE:

Prayer: Please continue to pray for Barb Horton.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Pray for the Orphanage in Mexico. Dagestan - Pray for the completion of the work for Luke to be published. Pray that those involved will be encouraged.



Please stop by the library today and check out the following:

~ **Mitten Strings for God** - Reflections for Mothers in a Hurry by Katrina Kenison (248.8431)

~ A Christian classic by J.I. Packer "**Knowing God**" (231.042) with chapters titled: God Unchanging, The Majesty of God, The Love & Grace of God, God's Wisdom & ours

BULLETIN BOARD:

- We have many current newsletters from various organizations hanging on our bulletin board for your perusal.
- Check for *host family opportunity* and *housing available*.
- There is a request for volunteers at the South Island Centre for Counselling & Training.
- Check out Regent College Summer Courses**