

\_\_\_\_\_ can become \_\_\_\_\_ that  
challenge our \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_

1. Understand the context

- a. We read looking \_\_\_\_\_ what the disciples experienced moving \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. To this point, they had:
  - i. Seen Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Heard Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Caught a ton of fish (Luke 5:1-11)
- c. They were still learning who Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ was
  - i. They knew He had power over the body
  - ii. They knew He had power to teach like no one else (Matt. 7:28-29)
  - iii. They were about to learn the full \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Luke 8 is all about the Word
  - i. Verses 5-15 deal with how we \_\_\_\_\_ the Word
    1. Typically we critique the \_\_\_\_\_, but Jesus critiques the hearer
    2. Strictly looking at the numbers, only 25% of people hear the Word correctly
    3. We may need to be better \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Jesus drives that point home in verses 16-18
    1. If we're hiding what we've received, we don't understand it.
    2. Jesus said to consider carefully how you listen.
      - a. We think hard about what we \_\_\_\_\_.
      - b. Do we think as hard about what we \_\_\_\_\_?
  - iii. Verses 19:21 involve Jesus' family in order to explain who His family really is.
    1. Those who hear and \_\_\_\_\_ His Word
    2. Both/and, not either/or

2. DAILY ACTIVITIES

- a. Verse 22 is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible
- b. It almost sounds matter-of-fact
  - i. "One day" - nothing special, not a holiday
  - ii. Jesus gave some \_\_\_\_\_ - "Let's go to the other side"
  - iii. So they got in and left
  - iv. It was so uneventful that Jesus fell \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23)
- c. It's important for us to recognize what the disciples didn't: Jesus never speaks \_\_\_\_\_, so we should always listen \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Sometimes we let the \_\_\_\_\_ diminish the \_\_\_\_\_
- e. The test that reveals whether we have comes in those "life turns on a dime" moments

3. Daily activities can become **DIFFICULT SITUATIONS**

- a. Before we even get to the disciples, let's talk about us
  - i. We know \_\_\_\_\_
    1. They come \_\_\_\_\_
    2. They come uncaringly

- ii. We try to \_\_\_\_\_ storms
    - 1. But they find us
    - 2. Usually because we're sent \_\_\_\_\_ them by \_\_\_\_\_
      - a. We don't like to think about being tested by God
      - b. Psalm 66:8-12
      - c. Gen. 22:1; Job 23:10; 1 Tim. 3:10
  - b. Somewhere in the middle of a lake, they encountered a storm which Jesus sent them into
  - c. The Sea of Galilee was known for sudden, \_\_\_\_\_ storms
    - i. The worst occurred when the wind blew East to West come over the Golan Heights
    - ii. The disciples would have been rowing directly into the wind
    - iii. These storms could produce waves 10-12 feet high
  - d. This is when they had to make a choice: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Panic is based on \_\_\_\_\_ ("We're going to drown!")
    - ii. Panic is fed by \_\_\_\_\_ (in this case, fear)
    - iii. Peace is based on \_\_\_\_\_ (He slept in the storm!)
    - iv. Peace is fed by \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. The best question we can ask in a storm - "What do You want me to \_\_\_\_\_, Lord?"
4. Daily activities can become difficult situations that challenge our **DEPENDENCE ON THE WORD**
- a. Let's say it: God wants us to learn to depend on His Word. Period. (1 Pet. 1:24-25)
  - b. It would be easier if we could claim \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. But the disciples couldn't, because they had the word
    - i. Jesus was clear: "Let's go to the other side," (v. 22) not "Let's give it a shot."
    - ii. This isn't about \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. Would they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on what Jesus had said?
    - iv. They failed the test (v. 25)
  - d. Jesus had one last lesson
    - i. He rebuked the wind
    - ii. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. The disciples saw the full \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' words and could only ask one question: "\_\_\_\_\_?"
  - e. They stepped out of that difficult situation with a greater \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' words.

**DAILY ACTIVITIES can become DIFFICULT SITUATIONS that challenge our DEPENDENCE on the WORD**

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      1. Typically we critique the preacher, but Jesus critiques the hearer
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      1. Those who hear and practice His Word
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  - e. It was this context into which Jesus spoke.
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  - c. Because we're reading this with 20/20 hindsight, it's important for us to recognize what the disciples didn't: Jesus never speaks carelessly, so we should always listen carefully.
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    - i. We know storms
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      - a. We don't like to think about being tested by God
      - b. Psalm 66:8-12
        - i. They praised God because He kept them secure
        - ii. How? By testing them
        - iii. It was how He brought them to abundance
      - c. Gen. 22:1; Job 23:10; 1 Tim. 3:10
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  - c. The Sea of Galilee was known for sudden, vicious storms
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