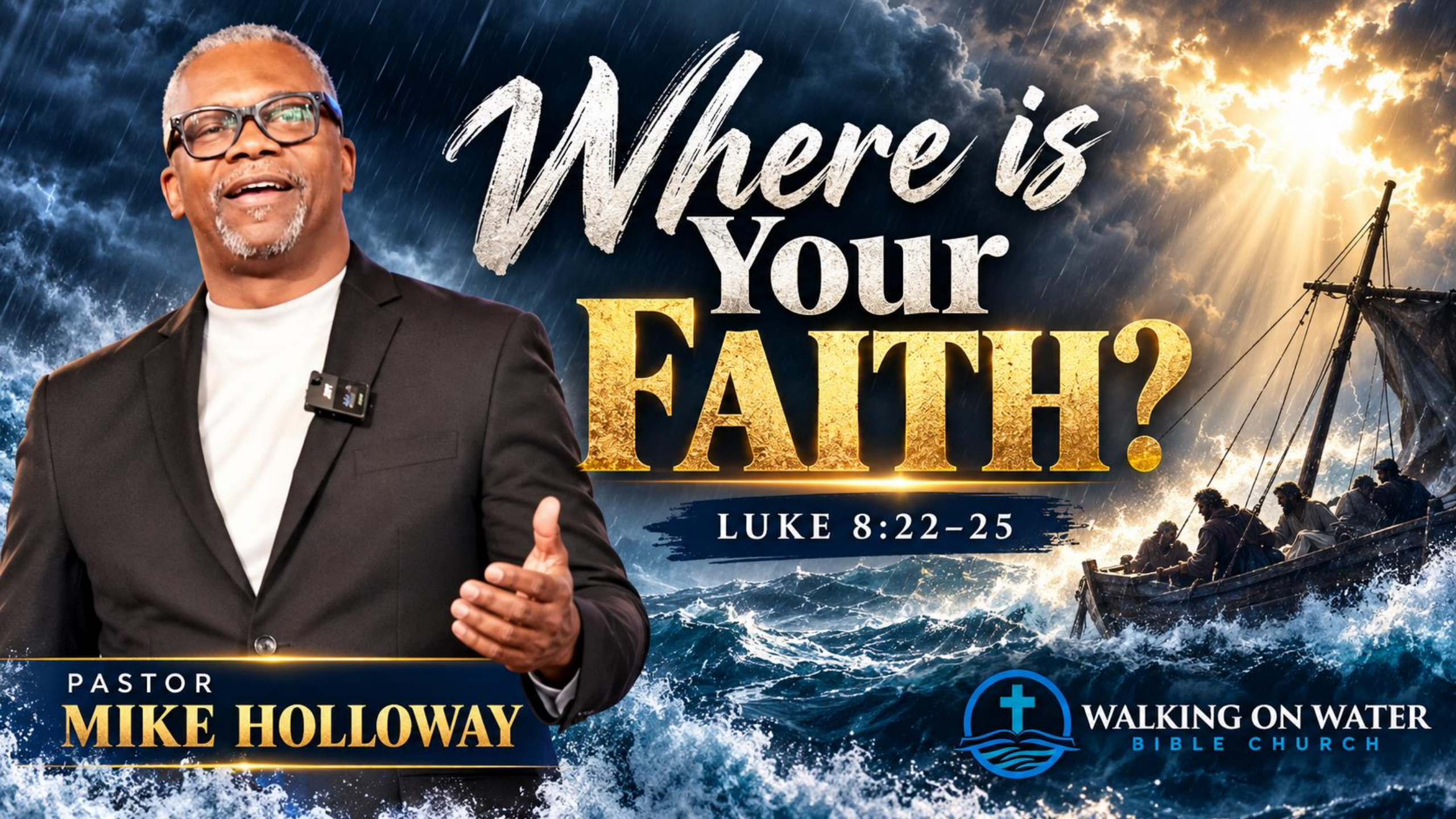




Where is Your FAITH?

LUKE 8:22-25

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WALKING ON WATER
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Luke 8:22-25

22 Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side of the lake.” And they launched out.

23 But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

Luke 8:22-25

24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

Luke 8:22-25

25 But He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, “Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!”

THE CENTRAL TRUTH

**Faith is revealed when life becomes difficult
and God seems silent.**

What we profess must become what we practice.

Faith must hold fast when the Word is tested.

REMEMBER THE FOUR SOILS

Hard heart — the Word is not received.

Stony heart — withers in time of testing.

Thorny heart — cares choke spiritual growth.

Good heart — holds fast and bears fruit.

FROM THE SOIL TO THE STORM

**WHICH SOIL BEST REPRESENTS YOUR
HEART?**

Luke 8:13 — some fall away in testing.

Luke 8:15 — good soil perseveres.

OUR FAITH MUST BE TESTED

Romans 5:3–5 — trials develop perseverance.

James 1:2–4 — testing produces maturity.

1 Peter 1:6–7 — faith is refined like gold.

Discipleship 101

Luke 8:22

Now it happened, on a certain day, that
He got into a boat with His disciples

Discipleship 101 – The disciples are tested

Christ DISCIPLES men, walking with them and they were present with Him.

Christ gets into the boat WITH the disciples on a certain day

Christ does not send us where he doesn't accompany us

WHAT DOES TESTING EXPOSE?

Pressure exposes what we rely upon.

Difficulty reveals what we truly believe.

Testing uncovers hidden fears and doubts.

Faith moves from profession to perseverance.

A WORD BEFORE THE STORM

“LET US GO OVER UNTO THE OTHER SIDE.”

Jesus spoke before the wind began.

The disciples began by obeying His Word.

TRUST THE WORD OF CHRIST

God's Word outweighs changing circumstances.

Hebrews 10:23 — He who promised is faithful.

Faith rests on His character, not our control.

Trust His promises, not our own expectations.

WHY DID JESUS SLEEP?

Luke 8:23 — He fell asleep as they sailed.

His sleep revealed His genuine humanity.

His composure contrasted with their panic.

The storm did not exceed His authority.

A SLEEPING, NOT ABSENT, SAVIOR

SILENCE DOES NOT MEAN ABANDONMENT.

He was still in the boat with them.

His presence, authority, and love remained.

WHEN TROUBLE FILLS THE BOAT

Luke 8:23 — they were filled with water.

Life may feel flooded by multiple troubles.

Family, finances, health, or ministry burdens.

Trouble is not proof that God has left.

THE STORM WAS REAL

BUT IT DID NOT TELL THE WHOLE STORY.

The danger was genuine; their fear was real.

They had not accounted for Jesus with them.

THE DISCIPLES CRIED OUT

Luke 8:24 — “Master, master, we perish!”

Matthew 8:25 — “Lord, save us!”

Mark 4:38 — “Carest thou not...?”

BELIEVERS CAN FEEL DESPAIR

Psalm 42:5 — “Why art thou cast down?”

2 Corinthians 1:8 — Paul despaired of life.

Fear and distress are real experiences.

Feelings cannot overrule the Word of God.

THEY STILL WENT TO JESUS

They sought the One who could help them.

Matthew 8:26 calls them “of little faith.”

Their faith was genuine but overshadowed.

They questioned not only power, but care.

TRUST BOTH HIS POWER AND CARE

He is able, even when He has not yet acted.

Trust His wisdom, goodness, and promises.

Our assessments are not the final outcome.

Do not surrender your hope to despair.

JESUS AROSE AND SPOKE

“PEACE, BE STILL.” — MARK 4:39

Luke 8:24 — He rebuked wind and water.

The elements immediately obeyed Christ.

THE MIRACLE REVEALS HIS DEITY

Psalm 89:9 — the LORD rules the seas.

Psalm 107:29 — God makes storms calm.

Jesus commanded what only God rules.

Fully human, yet truly divine: Jesus Christ.

WHO THEN IS THIS MAN?

“EVEN THE WINDS AND WATER OBEY HIM!”

Luke 8:25 — the disciples marveled.

Our confidence rests in who Christ IS.

JESUS ASKED: WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

Luke 8:25 — Jesus confronted weak faith.

They heard His Word, but fear overtook them.

The storm exposed what needed to grow.

Trust Christ while awaiting His wisdom.

WHERE IS YOUR FAITH WHEN...?

Hardship comes and life feels overwhelming?

God delays an answer to your prayers?

People disappoint or wound you?

Obedience to Jesus becomes costly?

WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

“LORD, MY FAITH IS IN YOU!”

Hold fast to His Word. Continue in prayer.

Persevere in obedience. Trust the Savior.