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There is an example in the word of God that we can learn about faith in Luke chapter 8. In Luke 8:22 we see that Jesus had told his disciples to get in a boat and go to the other side of the lake. This seemed like a simple command, but it turned out to not be so simple.

Jesus had been ministering all day and was tired. He went to the hinder part of the ship (Mark 4:38) and fell asleep. While he slept a storm came up that just about sunk the ship. In Luke 8:24 the disciples came to him and said, "... Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."

Fear had gripped the disciples. The boat had filled up with water. Certainly, Jesus would be concerned! Yet, he answered them in verse 25 with, "And he said unto them, where is your faith? And they, being afraid, wondered saying one to another, what manner of man is this! For he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him."

Even though they had seen so many miracles performed by Jesus, they did not understand who Jesus really was and what he could do. Jesus had taught them, but their faith was not where it should have been. Fear gripped them instead of faith. Later, after they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they also performed great and mighty miracles through his name. Their faith had grown, and they were now ambassadors for Jesus!

We have the authority through the name of Jesus to speak to storms, mountains, finances, sickness and more to say "Peace be Still" in the name of Jesus. Our faith grows through life's tests, trials, and storms. Through these trials and storms, we learn to speak to the situations instead of becoming fearful.