

In the Same Boat
Luke 8:22-25

Review:

1. In difficult situations, our pride either leads us to over confidence or to despair, as we imagine that if we can't solve our problems, no one can.
2. But the good news is that the Son of God is able to solve problems that are impossible for us.
3. Instead of fearing God's power, we can trust Jesus because He came to suffer with us and for us.

Reflect:

1. Make a list of all the problems that worry you. Which of those do you think are beyond God's control? Name each one of them, and give it to God, saying that He is the Lord of each one.
2. How does it build your faith to know that Jesus experienced all the kinds of problems that we face? How does His sharing of our experience help convince you of His love for you?

Go Further: Read Luke 12:13-34

1. What was the concern expressed to Jesus in verse 13?
2. What is Jesus' answer in verse 14? Why do you think He brings up the question of His authority?
3. Against what sin does Jesus warn us in verse 15? What does He insist is not the most important thing in life?
4. In verse 16, how does Jesus describe the man in the parable? What does Jesus say about his land?
5. What question does the man ask himself in verse 17?
6. In verses 18-19, what plan does he make?
7. According to verse 20, why did God say these plans were made in vain?
8. According to verse 21, what are the two options we have for "laying up treasure?" Which is best?
9. In verse 22, Jesus draws a conclusion from the parable. What does He tell us not to worry about?
10. In verse 23, Jesus says life is more important than what two things?
11. In verse 24, what does Jesus say that ravens do not do? What does He say God does for them?
12. In verse 25, what does Jesus say it is impossible for our anxiety to do?
13. What does Jesus say that lilies do not do? In spite of this, how does He describe their clothing?
14. In verse 28, what does Jesus say happens to grass? In spite of this, what does God do for it?
15. In verse 28, what conclusion does Jesus draw from the grass of the field?
16. In verse 29, what three things does Jesus tell us not to do?
17. What two reasons does He give in verse 30 for these prohibitions?
18. In verse 31, what does Jesus tell us to do? What promise does He make?
19. In verse 32, what does Jesus say the Father has chosen to do?
20. What does Jesus tell us to do in verse 33? What promise does He make to us?
21. Where does Jesus say our heart will inevitably be?

Summary and Application:

1. Think about the rich man's plans in verses 18-19. How similar is this to the modern notion of "retirement?" What do you think our attitude toward retirement should be?
2. Given Jesus' teaching in this passage, what should be our attitude towards our money? How do you plan to change the way you use your money after studying this passage?