

**HOW TO FACE AN UNEXPECTED CRISIS**  
**#SermonCrisis**  
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**Matthew 8:23-27**

**Proverbs 3:25-26** Have no fear of sudden disaster... for the Lord will be your confidence... (NIV)

**FIVE FACTS ABOUT EVERY CRISES**

1. **THEY ARE INEVITABLE** - Acts 14:22
2. **THEY ARE VARIABLE** - Psalm 40:12
3. **THEY ARE IMPARTIAL** - Matthew 5:45
4. **THEY ARE UNPREDICTABLE** - Matthew 8:24
5. **I CAN CHOOSE MY RESPONSE**

- You can be filled with PANIC

**Matthew 8:25b** The disciples went to him shouting..., "Lord, save us! We're sinking!" (LB)

- You can be filled with PEACE

**Matthew 24b** ...Jesus was sound asleep. (CEV)

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**1. REFOCUS ON GOD'S CLOSENESS**

**Matthew 8:23** Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. (NIV)

***Lesson # 1 - GOD IS WITH ME***

**Isaiah 43:1-2** ...Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you... (NIV)

**2. RELAX IN GOD'S CARE**

**Mark 4:38** ...His disciples woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're about to drown?" (CEV)

***Lesson #2 - GOD CARES ABOUT ME***

**Psalm 112:6-9** A righteous man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it. <sup>7</sup> He does not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that Jehovah will take care of him. <sup>8</sup> That is why he is not afraid but can calmly face his foes. <sup>9</sup> He gives generously to those in need. His deeds will never be forgotten. He shall have influence and honor. (LB)

### **3. RELY ON GOD'S CONTROL**

**Matthew 8:26** He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. (NIV)

#### **Lesson #3 - I CAN TRUST JESUS**

**John 14:1** Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. (NLT)

**John 14:27** I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn't like the peace that this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid. (CEV)

**Matthew 8:27** The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" (NIV)