

“The Perfect Storm” – Luke 8: 22-25

Sermon Notes

INTRODUCTION

“Perfect Storm” refers to a simultaneous occurrence of events which, taken individually, would be far less powerful than the result of their chance combination.”

Some of you may be in the midst of such a storm, or on the verge of that storm. Let me pose for you a story of an hypothetical “Perfect Storm” in life.

MOVE #1

A student has moved to Colorado Springs to study at Nazarene Bible College. She has found a beautiful home to live in, has a great job, loves the church she and her family attend, has made it through three years of studies, and has enrolled for the courses that she needs in order to graduate this spring.

As R&R week approaches, she is planning a quick trip “back home” to visit her aging

parents. It has been a long time since her children have seen their grandparents.

Father’s Illness

Car Breaks Down

Cutbacks at Work Cause Her to be laid off

Term Paper due right after R&R and she left the books at home . . .

How does she navigate her way through this perfect storm?

Katrina was a horror for those who experienced it, but was not considered a **perfect storm** . . . I want to have you see the testimonials of some men who may have lived through such a storm.

MOVE #2

VIEW VIDEO – “THE STORM”

[\[http://www.sermonspice.com/search/storm \]](http://www.sermonspice.com/search/storm)

MOVE #3

While I understand that Wikipedia is not a primary source from which to gather information, tonight for our purposes it will

suffice. Wikipedia says, “The phrase **perfect storm** refers to the simultaneous occurrence of events which, taken individually, would be far less powerful than the result of their chance combination.

“Such occurrences are, by their very nature, rare, and so even a slight change in any one event contributing to a ‘perfect storm’ would be sufficient to lessen the overall power of the final event.

“The term is also applied to describe a hypothetical hurricane, which happens to hit at a region’s most vulnerable area, resulting in the worst possible damage that hurricane could have produced.”

[\[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perfect_storm\]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perfect_storm)

MOVE #4

PERSONAL ILLUSTRATION:

MOVE #5

Video Script Review:

“Which was worse – The storm or our lack of faith?”

“I was almost embarrassed by our lack of faith.”

You know He’s in Control

He’s Got You!

He’s in FULL Control

You Let Fear and Things Get Out of Hand in Your Mind when you KNOW He’s Right There.

CONCLUSION

In the MIDST OF OUR STORM –
WHATEVER IT MAY BE – CHRIST COMES
TO US AND SAYS, “PEACE BE STILL!”

[Sing “Our Great Savior” – CCLI #22142 –
Sing to the Lord - #109 – (F)]

PRAYER