

River Oaks Baptist Church Chinese Mission

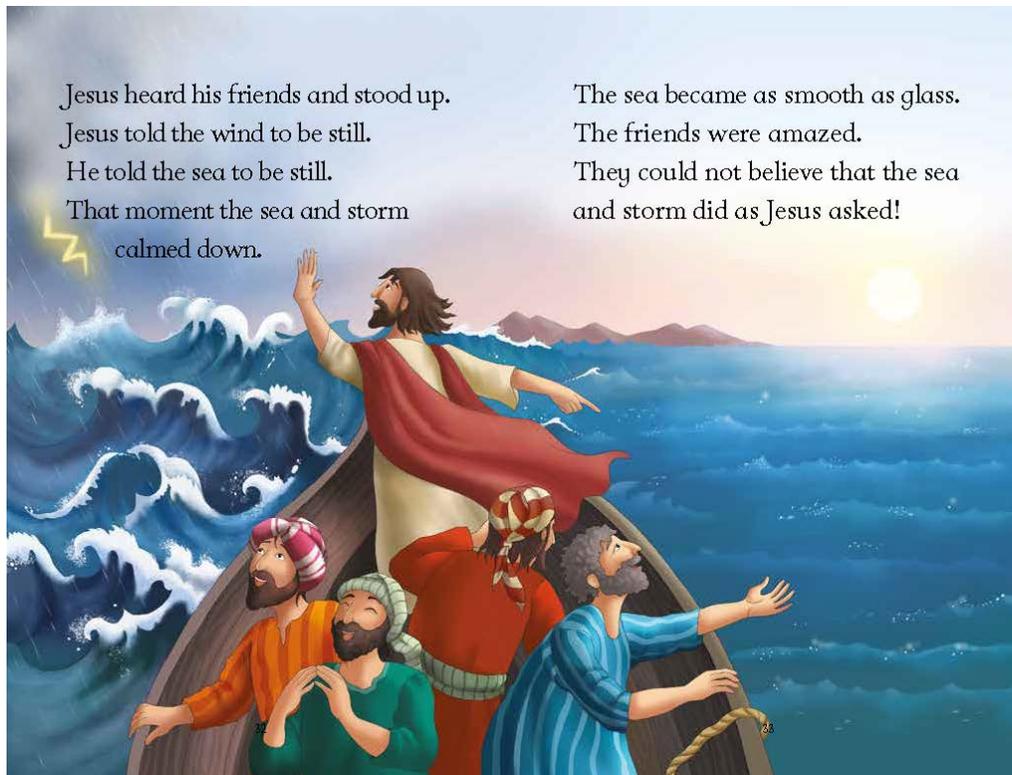
越棉寮華僑浸信會

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Jesus heard his friends and stood up.
Jesus told the wind to be still.
He told the sea to be still.
That moment the sea and storm
calmed down.

The sea became as smooth as glass.
The friends were amazed.
They could not believe that the sea
and storm did as Jesus asked!

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Our Worship to God

October 4, 2020

11:30 A.M.

We at ROBCCM welcome you to our worship today. If you are looking for a place to belong, we invite you to be a part of our church family.

Worship Service

Welcome

Prayer

Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

“The Storm”

Pastor Clifford Lee

Hymn: It Is Well With My Soul

Benediction

October Birthday Celebration Zoom at 1:00 pm. Today!



Time: Oct 4, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time

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我们敬拜上帝

主曆二零二零年十月四日

上午 十一点三十分

越棉寮浸信會熱烈的歡迎今日來參加主日崇拜的每一位，也欢迎您加入我們的大家庭。

主日崇拜

欢迎

祷告

经文：路加福音第八章廿二至廿五节

唱诗：祢真伟大

证道：“暴风雨” 李牧师/翻译：傅涓

唱诗：我心灵得安宁

祷祝

ROBC Chinese Mission is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Prayer List and Announcements:

1. Pray for recovery of strength: Nay Khov, Steven Lee, Susan & Mark Heavener, Manni Matala, Ean Chang, Kert Taing, Kemdy Klam, Charles' mom, Kim Spence's mom, Phat Lam, Viola Chan, Judy Raley, and Rev. Timothy Chang.
2. Pray for those with physical problems: Toan Ung leg pain; Rose Lam eye and leg problem; Raymond Chin shoulder surgery recovery; Amy's Sister in Cambodia; Nay Khov recovery at home; Steven Klam; Christie's Sister, Lynn; Grace Tam, Amy Lee, and others.
3. Pray for those in the military programs: Foo Long (Army) and Camryn Lam (ROTC).
4. Pray for the victims of shootings, natural disasters, virus, and first responders.
5. Pray for our elected officials that they follow God.
6. Pray for our missionaries that they are strengthened by God's presence and our support.
7. Pray for the mission of our church and that we build for the future.
8. Pray for the Building Fund.
9. Pray for Joshua Lee's leadership in Youth and Children's ministry.
10. Pray for those going through family problems that God will heal them.
11. Pray for family recovery: Jackie (Lonnie); Rev. Tsai's Family, Hak Troung Family
12. Thank God for Pastor Paul's surgery success.
13. Pray for Grace Tam as she seeks medical help.
14. Pray for the victims from the current outbreak of COVID-19.
15. Pray for everyone as families are still sheltering in place during this time and as school starts for many students and teachers.
16. Pray for those involved in our Worship Service digital broadcasts: Joshua Lee (Digital and Social Media), Pastor Lee (English), Pastor Foo (Teo Chew, Thai), Grace Tam(Thai), Amy (Teo Chew), and Lee Family Singers.
17. Send your offerings to: ROBC Chinese Mission, 2300 Willowick Rd., Houston, Texas 77027
18. Pray for our October Birthdays including Christie Lam, Don Lam, Phat Lam, Amy Lee, Joy Thamprateep, Ky Loi Tran, Cody Ung, Ryan Ung (his real birthday!)

Weekly Budget Needs 每星期預算需要: \$ 700.00

Offering Received 奉獻收入: \$ N/A 元

祷告事项和报告

1. 请继续为身体复原祷告：許鄧淑英, 李司提反, **Susan & Mark Heavener, Manni Matala**, 林禪燕, 陳堅杰, 孔辉, 吴少芳, **Kim Spence** 的母亲, 林兴发, **Viola Chan, Judy Raley, and 张文雄** 牧师。
2. 请为那些身体上有问题祷告计有罗静端的脚痛, 陈素贞的眼睛和脚的问题, **Raymond Chin** 肩头施手后复原。李师母的姐姐在高棉。许邓淑的修养。孔俊松在家修养。**Christie Lam** 的妹妹 **Lynn. 谭佳施** 等。
3. 请为参加军事训练傅龙 (陆军), **Camryn Lam (ROTC)** 祷告。
4. 請為槍戰受害者及自然災難的受害者和救援人員禱告。
5. 請為當選的政官員們跟隨主禱告。
6. 請為我們的傳道工作有神的同在及我們的支持加強力量禱告。
7. 請為我們的教會的使命及建設教會的前途禱告。
8. 请为教会的建设基金祷告。
9. 请为李约书亚领导青年事工祷告。
10. 请为经过家庭问题而得到神医治祷告。
11. 请为复原的家庭计有 **Jackie** 和蔡牧师的家庭祷告。
12. 感谢神看顾傅牧师施手术平安。
13. 感谢神赐林兴发得施手术平安,
14. 请为目前冠状病毒受害者祷告。
15. 请为每个家庭庇护所在这段时间里祷告。
16. 请为那些参与我们广播崇拜的人员祷告计有李约书亚 (社交媒体), 李牧师 (英语), 傅牧师 (潮州), 谭佳施 (泰语), 李师母 (潮州), 和李家歌唱原)
17. 你可将你的奉献寄到：**ROBC Chinese Mission, 2300 Willowick Rd., Houston, Texas 77027**
18. 请为十月份寿星祷告计有阮芳壮, 林忠勇, 林兴发, 李师母, 傅秀梅, 陈其利, **Cody Ung, Ryan Ung** 等。

10-4-2020 Service

This week, the 24th tropical storm has formed in the Gulf of Mexico and is hitting Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Fortunately for us, it is not forecasted to come up to Texas. But we do need to pray for those in Mexico.

Another type of storm happened this week here in the US. Besides the televised debate amongst the Presidential candidates, we find out the President Trump and Melania Trump has tested positive for the Corona virus. Now they are quarantining, and President Trump has gone to Walter Reed Hospital for testing and some treatment.

As we begin today's service, let us pray for the President Trump and Melania for their safety and recovery from this current storm in their life and, because of their position in the leadership of the US, we will be praying for all of us as well.

PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father,

Help us through this current storm. We pray for those in Mexico as they go through this current tropical storm. We pray for President Trump and Melania for their safety and recovery through this current storm in their lives. We pray for all of us today as we are all going through our own individual storms. Help us to know that you love us and want the best for our lives both now and into eternity. Let us see your love in sending your son, Jesus, who came to pay the price of our sins on the cross so that we might have forgiveness of our sins and have an opportunity of living in Eternity in the light of your Love. Thank you, Father. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Luke 8:22-25 New International Version

Jesus Calms the Storm

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Luke 8:22-25 New King James Version

Wind and Wave Obey Jesus

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. 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. 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!"

MESSAGE

This story of Jesus calming the storm might be a familiar one. It is frequently referenced by people who are experiencing hard times in their lives. It is a comfort that there might be a solution to a life problem that is not dependent on our own power because sometimes these life problems are created by our own bad decisions or our own lack of understanding or knowledge. In this situation in scripture, we might note a few things.

One of the first things, is that Jesus made a decision to set sail in a boat over open waters. The lake that they were crossing was a large lake maybe like crossing the Great Lakes here in the US. Several disciples were fishermen and should have known the signs of weather as they began to cross. Their boat was probably a fishing boat that was large enough to fit the disciples and Jesus and was probably made to weather storms. But this time as they got to a place far from land, the storm came up and was bad enough that it was swamping the boat and they were afraid that it was going to sink.

We see that Jesus had fallen asleep in the boat. This is not unusual because some of us might fall asleep in a long car ride to San Antonio rocked by the car movement and the wind noise. Where some might get seasick, Jesus used the motion to be rocked to sleep.

When the storm came up, I wonder if the disciples were aware of the possibility of that happening? Did those fishermen see the signs of the storm ahead of time? Sometimes we are oblivious to the things that are happening around us. I know people who had not heard about Hurricane Lara. Especially, since we were not on the "dirty side," that is, the side that didn't have much rain. There are many of us that are also oblivious of the things that are happening around us also. If we have been working during these shutdowns, we might not be aware about the troubles of the people around us. There are so many people in our apartments who have had to move out because their businesses were closed and their jobs were affected. Many of them had to move in with relatives or friends during this time. This reminds me of our family's situation with Hurricane Harvey when our home was flooded out. Even though many people around where we lived were affected, to many it was only a temporary inconvenience. I wonder

about people who are affected by tornados or earthquakes as they suddenly happen without warning. But people who have these situations still need to have some preparation like storm cellars and earthquake proof housing.

It is interesting that Jesus was the only one who slept. Surely, out of all of the disciples at least one other might have fallen asleep. Maybe they could see the storm conditions worsening and no body could sleep anticipating what tragedy might be ahead. I heard Michael Berry talking on the radio about when Tropical Storm Beta was approaching, that even though he had prepared for it, he couldn't stay asleep because he was continually monitoring the storm. Maybe this was happening with the disciples. But Jesus still slept.

As the waves grew and intensified, there must have been some concern building. At first, those non-fishermen were probably gaging things by watching those fishermen aboard. As concern started coming over the fishermen, there must have been quite a panic for the others. I wonder who woke up Jesus, a fisherman or a non-fisherman. Either way, the one who did emphatically said, "We're going to drown!" That is our panic cry sometimes-maybe not verbally said, but we can feel the pressure building in our lives that may manifest itself through high blood pressure, headaches, tight muscles, and diabetes. Emotionally, it may come out as anger, impatience, fear, and depression.

But as others struggled with the wind and the waves, someone know who to run to...they ran to Jesus...even though it was more of a warning or in desperation, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" Luke recorded that Jesus got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters and the storm subsided, and all was calm.

Last year, in my daughter's dorm, a water pipe broke. While everyone was trying to catch the water, someone just needed to go and turn it off.

Jesus had the knowledge and the power to do just that...and all was calm.

Jesus has the knowledge and power to do these things in our lives. In the midst of the raging wind and waves, Jesus can calm the storm around us but especially in our hearts.

Sometimes we fear not just the storms that we can see but even the storms that might happen. That is stress not just for the present, but for those things that might not even happen. I know some people who took care of their children's education with a Texas Education Savings Plan. When their child went to college, they did not have that stress because it was already taken care of. Jesus did not panic because he knew that he had the means by which to take care of the situation.

They were now calm because the situation was now calm, but Jesus left them with a question, "Where is your faith?"

Jesus didn't ask them, "Where is your skill, or where is your knowledge but rather where was their faith." Sometimes for faith to occur, we have to get outside of what we know...outside of our skill and knowledge. Some of us stay safe. We eat things we know, we go to places we know, we do the things that we know. But sometimes we need to get outside of our comfort zone. We need to go there because sometimes God wants us to.

Maybe that call is to talk to others about Jesus. Sometimes it may be to testify what God is doing in our lives. Maybe it is to go where we do not know so God can use us in a wonderful way. We need to be sensitive to God's call in our lives. We need to be amazed at what God has done in our lives. We need to see where God has brought us to really appreciate what He has done and is still doing. But have we found our "comfortable" place? Have we stopped obeying God's call to cast out into the next journey in our lives? We may be missing another lesson that God has for us. Another example of faith building experience. Do we just stay there in amazement like the disciples and wonder, "Who is this?"

We must continue our journey. God has not just brought us here to stay here, but rather to move on, to continue the journey so that He can amaze us again and again. This will strengthen our faith. This should strengthen our commitment to Him and to be obedient to His Will. We are not our own, but rather stewards of what God has given to us to care for including our home, our family, our friends, our resources...and our lives!

God has brought us to this country. But not just so that we may amass wealth, knowledge, and resources but rather to be a conduit of God's blessing to others—a blessing of resources, maybe, but more importantly, a conduit of the message of God's love for us through His Son, Jesus. Because God so loved the world that he sent His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved. Saved from what? Saved from the penalty of sin against God which is punishable by death. That is the first death—the death that we experience with our limited life here on earth. But there is a more devastating death that is for all eternity. But that is what we can be saved from and rather have eternal life with God if we would accept the gift of Jesus' death on the cross as a sacrifice of our sins. If we would ask Jesus to be Lord of our life. Jesus says in Revelation 3:20, "Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in..." It is a promise from God, but you must open the door.

Romans 8:27-39 are wonderful verses to encourage us by. Take some time to read them. In our time of trouble, God has given us a solution and it starts with filling the God-shaped hole in our souls because we were made in the image of God. Then you can become the branches of the True Vine which is Jesus and we can produce much good fruit in our lives. And what is that fruit? It is the hunger of knowing more about God and His Son, Jesus. It is taking the life journey that leads to more faith in God. It is reaching out, sharing, and seeing people coming to the saving knowledge of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray, Lord, you know our hearts. You know if we are truly crying out to you in groans and not words because it is hard to find the words. But, Lord, take my life and make it yours. Show me the meaning and purpose of my life. I see the storms in life, but help me see the calm in you. Give me faith, grow my faith, Lord, so that my life is meaningful to You and others as people come to know you in their lives. Thank you, Lord, In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Benediction:

I know that some of you remembered what I said last week about River Oaks Baptist Church opening up for service today and they did. But unfortunately, they forgot about us. They did not make any provisions to allow us to come back on campus and I even received a letter from Greg Stahl, the acting Administrator of the church, not allowing us to come back until they gave us permission. They are even allowing the school to have a voice in this. So just like in many of these cities in America right now, we also have those in leadership positions that are taking it on themselves to stop us from worshipping together. In this case it is the church itself. This is why I said that we need to be prepared and ready to have our own 20 year plan instead of having to get someone else's permission, we want to only need God's permission. Joshua has written up a plan to submit to ROBC on how we would deal with the virus situation when coming together again for corporate worship. In the meantime, we are going to keep having these virtual services for you but we really do need to make additional plans for the future.

So let us pray about this:

Our Father, let us trust you with these things. Help us during this time to be faithful to you in continuing to build your Church. May you show us the way that you would have us go to fulfill your purposes that others might come to know you as Lord through your Son, Jesus. We ask you these things in His name, Amen.

TAG:

I want to again ask you to pray for the safety and recovery of President Trump and Melania. There are others that we need to also pray for that are putting their lives between us and evil. As we continually pray this week, make plans to come back next week so we can join together again. Don't forget our 1:00 Birthday Zoom today so we can celebrate the October birthdays.

If you haven't done so, click the Subscribe button and bell to be notified when we post a new video and click the Picture to go to our channel to see all of our videos. And remember, We love you; God loves you; and may God continue to bless you as you continue to bless others.