"Why are you so afraid, do you still have no faith?" Luke 8:22-39 (Page 865)

1. Jesus and the natural disaster (v22-25)

With a word, he rebuked the wind and raging waves.

"Who then is this?" - Jesus is the God of Creation.

Who's the boss? Jesus is the boss.

2. Jesus and the supernatural disaster (v26-39)

In the grip of evil - (less than human, picture of death, i.e. living among tombs)

Demons vs the people - (seized, breaking bonds apart, driven away v29)

Jesus vs demons - (commanded v29, I beg you v28, v31, v32, he gave permission v32)

Who's the boss? Jesus is the boss.

Disaster \rightarrow fear...Jesus solves disaster \rightarrow even more fear (v25, v35)

The bigger your fear of Jesus, the less room to be afraid of other things.

3. Two responses to a fearful Jesus

The people - would rather evil in their midst than Jesus

How would people react if God ended all the evil tomorrow?

The man - he begged Jesus, that he might be with him.

He just proclaimed how much Jesus had done for him

God's Kingdom grows through the proclamation of the good news

A Christian can speak about sins forgiven, peace with God, eternal life