



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Encounters with Jesus: Waiting in the Boat

Guest Speaker: Aimee Fareth

Scripture: John 6:16-24

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

John 6:16-24

Sermon Outline:

- I. Let your obstacles become your opportunities.
- II. The disciples were waiting for Jesus in the dark.
- III. God doesn't often give answers quickly.
- IV. Jesus saw the disciples struggling in the boat, but he waited.
- V. He then walks on the water to show his authority.
- VI. We don't have to wait for Jesus to come and be with us, He is already next to us, we just need to invite him.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday Guest Speaker Aimee Fareth continues our series on Encounters with Jesus and focuses on the disciples waiting in the boat for Christ.

Sermon Questions:

- I. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
 - How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
 - In your family of origin, was patience taught and practiced or was it more about doing things now and immediate gratification?
 - What is something in your life that you have been waiting for? Are there questions you are waiting to be answered?
 - Why do you feel God makes us wait? How do you think the disciples felt being in trouble while Jesus was waiting?
 - Have you ever felt something bad was happening in your life, but God used it for good?