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## MIRACLES OVER NATURE

*“But He said to them, ‘Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?’ Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.” (Matthew 8:26)*

### Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Jesus Christ has power and authority over nature.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is the almighty Creator.
<i>Good Work</i>	Trust in the Lord because all of creation is under His control.

### A. Understanding Miracles

The many miracles Jesus performed throughout His lifetime demonstrate that Jesus Christ is God, the Creator of the universe. They demonstrate His almighty nature and show that He has power over all, and thus can be trusted with all.

### B. Jesus Christ Has the Power to Transform Nature (Jn 2:1–11)

Without Jesus, the water would never have been turned into wine. However, Jesus Christ required action for this transformation to occur; only through obedience were the servants able to witness Jesus’ transformative power. We can also experience that same transformative power when we put His words into action and trust in Him. But we must be obedient to His word, and we must also trust His word.

### C. Jesus Christ Has the Power to Control Nature (Mk 4:36–41)

As the Creator, Jesus has full authority over His creation. Understanding this authority is a crucial part of our faith and enables us to trust in Him. The disciples feared the storm because they lacked faith and trust in Jesus. Our own storms often make us fearful and cause us to lose sight of Jesus, but the only way to weather those very storms is by trusting in God’s power.

### D. Jesus Christ Transcends Nature (Mt 14:22–33)

Jesus demonstrated His ability to transcend nature by walking on water and allowing Peter to do the same. The disciples also grew in their response and understanding. Where before they wondered who He was that He could command nature, here they proclaim, “Truly You are the Son of God.” Peter also teaches us a significant lesson: never lose sight of Jesus. His fear was the evidence of his doubt in Jesus. Like Peter, we may have faith at first, but begin to doubt once we see that our situation has not changed. Rather than focusing on the waves, we must instead fix our eyes on Jesus.

### Life Application

#### 1. Looking to Jesus Christ in the Midst of a Storm

*What Are Storms?:* Isaiah 54:11 compares affliction or suffering to being tossed in a tempest. Just like real storms, our afflictions may overwhelm us and make us feel like we are unable to escape. What kinds of storms do we encounter in our lives?

*Looking to Jesus:* Though we may encounter many storms, in the face of them all, we must turn to Jesus Christ as our Savior. Only with Him by our side will we be able to overcome them.

#### 2. Overcoming Fear with Love and Faith

1 John 4:18 teaches us that perfect love casts out fear. A person who has been made perfect in love will have no fear, for someone who loves Jesus understands that He will and has the power to take care of them. So, to overcome our fears, we must first have faith in Jesus and bring our fears to Him.

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## Lesson 6 Homework Assignment

### Miracles over Nature

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Matthew 8:26):

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1. What does the memory verse teach us about Jesus Christ as God?
2. What does His first miracle teach us about Jesus' transformative power in us?
3. Why is it important for us to understand Jesus' full authority over creation?
4. What does Peter's attempt to walk on water teach us?
5. What kinds of storms can we encounter in our lives? How can we overcome them?
6. Write down one verse you can meditate upon when you feel anxious or worried.