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**SERMON, SIGNS, & STORIES**  
from the gospel of Matthew

# Stand by Me

Matthew 8: 23-34

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When the storms of life are raging,  
Stand by me (stand by me);  
When the storms of life are raging,  
Stand by me (stand by me);  
When the world is tossing me  
Like a ship upon the sea,  
Thou Who rulest wind and water,  
Stand by me (stand by me).

In the midst of tribulation,  
Stand by me (stand by me);  
In the midst of tribulation,  
Stand by me (stand by me);  
When the hosts of hell assail,  
And my strength begins to fail,  
Thou Who never lost a battle,  
Stand by me (stand by me).



In the midst of faults and failures,  
Stand by me (stand by me);  
In the midst of faults and failures,  
Stand by me (stand by me);  
When I do the best I can,  
And my friends misunderstand,  
Thou Who knowest all about me,  
Stand by me (stand by me).

When I'm growing old and feeble,  
Stand by me (stand by me);  
When I'm growing old and feeble,  
Stand by me (stand by me);  
When my life becomes a burden,  
And I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
O Thou "Lily of the Valley,"  
Stand by me (stand by me).

My story

Deb Rieber

# Announcements

- Consider telling your story

# Stand by Me

1. Themes and strands
2. Surprising discipleship – 8:18-21
3. Calming the storm – 8:23-27
4. Exorcising demons – 8:28-34

# Surprising discipleship

<sup>18</sup> When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. <sup>19</sup> Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>20</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

<sup>21</sup> Another disciple said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

<sup>22</sup> But Jesus told him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

# Sea of Galilee



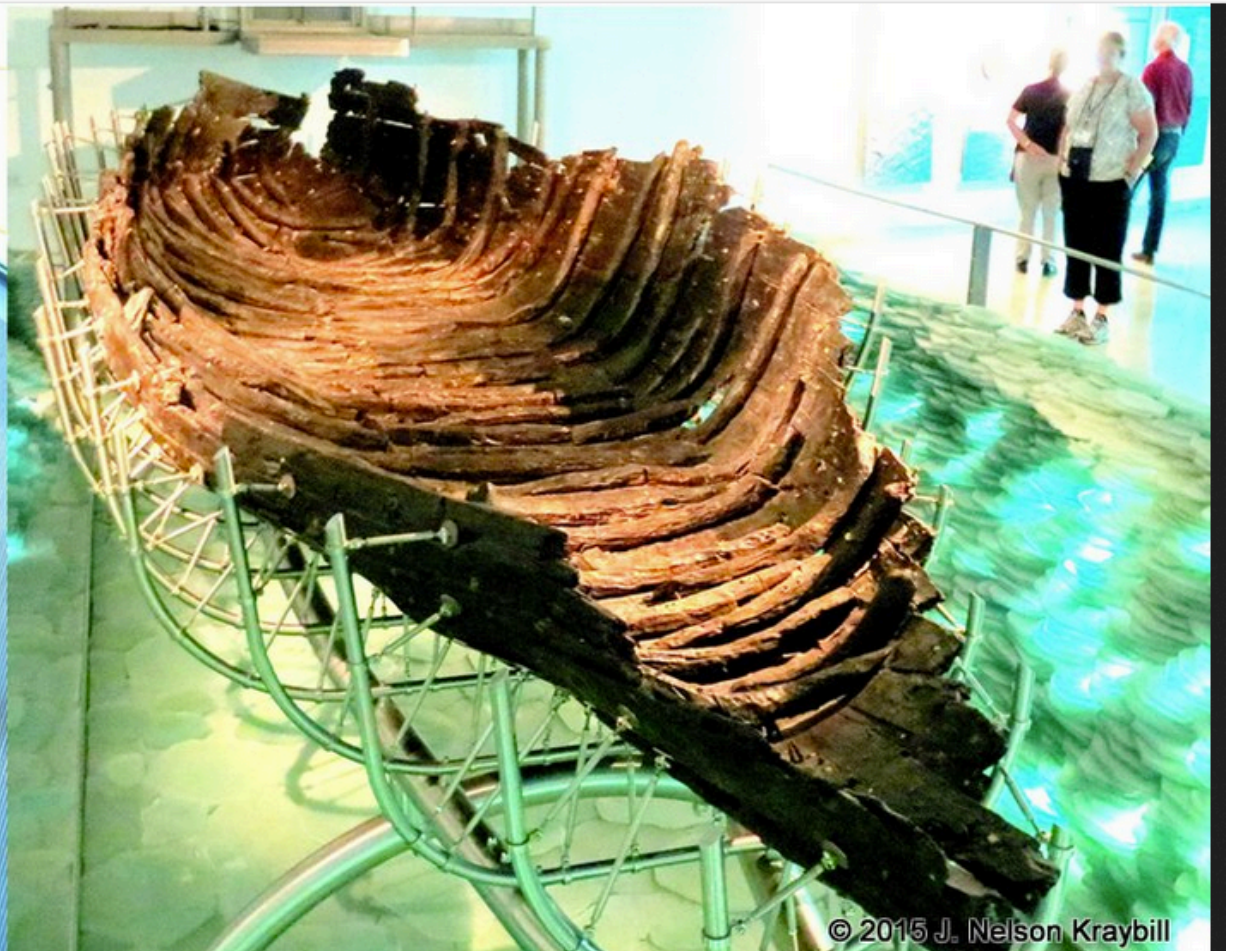












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# Instructions for Life

*Pay attention.*

*Be astonished.*

*Tell someone.*

*- Mary Oliver*