

# Matthew 8:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

## Analysis

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The detail that Jesus 'entered into a ship, and his disciples followed him' sets the scene for the storm miracle that follows. The disciples' physical following into the boat parallels their spiritual following as learners. This journey across Galilee becomes a teaching moment about faith and Christ's divine authority over nature. The pattern of Jesus leading and disciples following models the essential posture of discipleship—going where Christ directs, even into storms.

## Historical Context

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The Sea of Galilee is susceptible to sudden violent storms when cool air from surrounding mountains collides with warm air over the water. Many of Jesus' disciples were experienced fishermen familiar with these dangers, making their fear in the coming storm (verse 25) more significant.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What does the disciples' following Jesus into the boat teach about trusting Christ's leadership even when the destination is uncertain?
2. How can you cultivate the habit of immediately following where Christ leads rather than calculating risks first?

## Interlinear Text

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Καὶ	ἐμβάντι	αὐτοῦ	εἰς	τὸ	πλοῖον	ἠκολούθησαν
<b>And</b>	<b>when he was entered</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>into</b>	G3588	<b>a ship</b>	<b>followed</b>
G2532	G1684	G846	G1519		G4143	G190
αὐτοῦ	οἱ	μαθηταὶ	αὐτοῦ			
<b>him</b>	G3588	<b>disciples</b>	<b>him</b>			
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