

WHERE IS
YOUR
FAITH?

LUKE 8:22-26

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22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

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25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.

Introduction

A. Jesus is looking for faith in Him

Luke 18:8

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Matthew 8:10

When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

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B. Faith in Christ can change your life

Mark 5:34

And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

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C. Faith in God is necessary to live the victorious life

Romans 1:17

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

1 John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

I. The Coming Of The Storm

A. God knows its timing (v 22)

1 Thessalonians 3:4

For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

I. The Coming Of The Storm

B. God knows its track (v 22)

1. For those who run with God

2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2. For those who run from God

Jonah 1:12

And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

II. The Content Of The Storm

A. Danger (v 23)

“filled with water, and were in jeopardy”

1. Reminds us of our frailty

1 Corinthians 15:30

And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

2. Removes hope if no faith

Psalm 18:4-5

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

II. The Content Of The Storm

B. Despair (v 24)

“Master, master, we perish”

1. God will hear our cry

Psalm 18:6

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

2. God will help our crisis

Psalm 31:9

Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

III. The Cause For The Storm

A. To reveal our fears

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Nahum 1:3

The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

III. The Cause For The Storm

B. To replace fear with faith

Mark 11:22

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

III. The Cause For The Storm

C. To have faith for the next storm

Luke 8:27

And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

Let The Storm Strengthen Your Faith

Instead Of Sapping Your Faith