

BEGINNING OF MIRACLES

"WHERE IS YOUR FAITH"

MARK 4:35-41, MATTHEW 8:23-27, LUKE 8:22-25

MARK 4:35-41

"35 AND THE SAME DAY, WHEN THE EVEN WAS COME, HE SAITH UNTO THEM, LET US PASS OVER UNTO THE OTHER SIDE. 36 AND WHEN THEY HAD SENT AWAY THE MULTITUDE, THEY TOOK HIM EVEN AS HE WAS IN THE SHIP. AND THERE WERE ALSO WITH HIM OTHER LITTLE SHIPS. 37 AND THERE AROSE A GREAT STORM OF WIND, AND THE WAVES BEAT INTO THE SHIP, SO THAT IT WAS NOW FULL. 38 AND HE WAS IN THE HINDER PART OF THE SHIP, ASLEEP ON A PILLOW: AND THEY AWAKE HIM, AND SAY UNTO HIM, MASTER, CAREST THOU NOT THAT WE PERISH? 39 AND HE AROSE, AND REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID UNTO THE SEA, PEACE, BE STILL. AND THE WIND CEASED, AND THERE WAS A GREAT CALM. 40 AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, WHY ARE YE SO FEARFUL? HOW IS IT THAT YE HAVE NO FAITH? 41 AND THEY FEARED EXCEEDINGLY, AND SAID ONE TO ANOTHER, WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS, THAT EVEN THE WIND AND THE SEA OBEY HIM?"

36. "...THEY _____ HIM EVEN AS HE WAS.."

- JESUS HAS BEEN TEACHING A CROWD FROM A BOAT ON THE SHORE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE, PROBABLY BY CAPERNAUM.

- EVENING HAS COME, AND THE PEOPLE HAVE HEARD ALL THE PARABLES THEY CAN ABSORB (MARK 4:33).

- WITHOUT RETURNING TO PETER AND ANDREW'S HOUSE TO PICK SOMETHING UP OR EVEN SETTING FOOT ON SHORE, JESUS ASKS THE TWELVE TO LAUNCH ACROSS THE LAKE.

- IF HE HAD GONE TO SHORE, THE PEOPLE LIKELY WOULD HAVE RUSHED HIM AGAIN, SEEKING MORE HEALING MIRACLES (MARK 3:7-10, 20; 4:1).

- THE DISCIPLES LEARN THAT FOLLOWING JESUS REQUIRES TRAVELLING LIGHT.

- WHEN JESUS SENDS THEM OUT ON THEIR OWN FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE TELLS THEM:

MARK 6:8&9 "8 AND COMMANDED THEM THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE NOTHING FOR THEIR JOURNEY, SAVE A STAFF ONLY; NO SCRIP, NO BREAD, NO MONEY IN THEIR PURSE: 9 BUT BE SHOD WITH SANDALS; AND NOT PUT ON TWO COATS."

- THIS ISN'T BECAUSE THOSE THINGS WON'T COME IN HANDY—ACTUALLY, IT'S BECAUSE THOSE ITEMS ARE VERY USEFUL!

- BUT JESUS DOESN'T WANT THE DISCIPLES TO GROW TO RELY ON WORLDLY THINGS.

- PAUL, SITTING IN A ROMAN PRISON, TELLS THE PHILIPPIANS THAT HE APPRECIATES THEIR GIFTS BUT ALSO KNOWS HOW TO BE CONTENT WITHOUT THEM (PHILIPPIANS 4:10-14).

- THIS IS A THEME IN SCRIPTURE THAT WE OFTEN MISS.

36. "...OTHER _____² SHIPS..."

37. "AND THERE _____³..."

"37 AND THERE AROSE A GREAT STORM OF WIND, AND THE WAVES BEAT INTO THE SHIP, SO THAT IT WAS NOW FULL. 38 AND HE WAS IN THE HINDER PART OF THE SHIP, ASLEEP ON A PILLOW: AND THEY AWAKE HIM, AND SAY UNTO HIM, MASTER, CAREST THOU NOT THAT WE PERISH?"

1. JUST BECAUSE _____⁴ IS WITH YOU DOES NOT MEAN YOU WILL NOT HAVE STORMS.
2. THIS _____⁵ WAS OUT OF THEIR CONTROL, BUT NOT OUT OF HIS.
3. GOD ALWAYS _____⁶ EXACTLY HOW MUCH WE CAN TAKE.
4. ALTHOUGH JESUS KNOWS HOW WE FEEL, HE DOES NOT _____⁷ WHEN WE WORRY.
5. THE _____⁸ OF A STORM IN YOUR LIFE DOES NOT MEAN THAT GOD DOES NOT CARE.
6. THIS IS A _____⁹ THAT WE TEND TO EXAGGERATE THE SIZE AND IMPACT OF STORMS IN OUR LIFE.

39. "AND HE AROSE..."

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LUKE 8:25 "AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?"

- VS37) THE STORM AROSE, VS39) HE AROSE

1. NO STORM IS ANY _____¹⁰ FOR THE LORD.
2. HE WAS GOD WHEN IT BECAME _____¹¹, BUT HE WAS ALSO GOD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM.
3. THE STORM DID NOT _____¹² JESUS UP, THE CRY OF THE DISCIPLES DID.
4. FAITH DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL NOT _____¹³ A STORM, FAITH BELIEVES THAT GOD WILL BE FAITHFUL THROUGH THE STORM.
5. FAITH SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON _____¹⁴, FAITH SHOULD BE BASED ON JESUS.
6. FAITH SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON WHAT WE SEE, FAITH SHOULD BE BASED ON WHAT WE _____¹⁵.
7. MY FAITH IN JESUS MUST BE GREATER THAN MY _____¹⁶ OF THE STORM.
8. JESUS WAS NOT _____¹⁷ GREAT FAITH, JESUS SIMPLY WANTED SOME FAITH

41. "AND THEY FEARED EXCEEDINGLY..."

"41 AND THEY FEARED EXCEEDINGLY, AND SAID ONE TO ANOTHER, WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS, THAT EVEN THE WIND AND THE SEA OBEY HIM?"

ANSWERS:

- 1 TOOK
- 2 LITTLE
- 3 AROSE
- 4 JESUS
- 5 STORM
- 6 KNOWS
- 7 WORRY
- 8 PRESENCE
- 9 REMINDER
- 10 MATCH
- 11 CALM
- 12 WAKE
- 13 ALLOW
- 14 CIRCUMSTANCES
- 15 BELIEVE
- 16 FEAR
- 17 DEMANDING