

Will You Use Your Faith?

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Mark 6:45-52

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Preliminary:

- Mark has shown us many miracles, last week miracles of the loaves
- Mark seems to be showing us that disciples missed their point⁵²

Jesus Did What?

- Jesus compelled the disciples to cross over in the boat⁴⁷
- disciples likely had been rowing into wind over 8 hrs!
- Jesus had his disciples right where He wanted them

Jesus Does What is Needed

- Jesus ministers to them by taking them on a journey
- Jesus knows what they need^{Rm8:29}

APPLY: God will take you where you have not intended to go in order to produce in you what you could not achieve on your own. Rm 12:1-2; 2 Cor 3:18; 2 Cor 1:3-5

- God loves us so much He will do whatever it takes to conform us into the image of Christ!
- Will you recognize God's grace in your life when it comes?

Jesus Rescues His Children 48-51

- Jesus is Lord of Creation - HE WALKS ON WATER!
- Jesus knew the disciple's plight - He sent them...
- Jesus could have just prayed to eliminate suffering...
- Jesus was more committed to their growth than their comfort... Jesus is about redeeming His children!

Jesus Takes A Walk

- Jesus walks into the winds so disciples will see Him
- Disciples focused on circumstances – saw a ghost
- This was a test of Faith for the disciples.
- To pass your test of Faith examine your Fruit & Root

Jesus the Comforter and Provider

- Jesus used God's name: "I AM" - I am here!
- the winds ceased
- Mark seems to rebuke the disciples lack of faith⁵²
- Don't be amazed at God^{Jms2:19}, instead walk in faith
- Remember the truths of the Gospel

A Cheat Sheet for Believers When Facing the Storms of Life:

Jesus is there... He is interceding for you^{Rm8:34} ...
He is watching over you^{Rm8:27} ...
He very likely planned this storm for you!

To determine whether you are working from a position of faith or feelings ask these questions:

Fruit to Root

- 1) What am I doing or experiencing right now?
- 2) In light of that, what do I believe about myself?
- 3) What do I believe God is doing or has done?
- 4) What do I believe God is like?

To get yourself BACK to FAITH in your thinking, remember these Gospel truths:

Root to Fruit

- 1) Who is God?
- 2) What has God done?
- 3) Who am I in light of God's work?
- 4) How should I then live in light of who I am?

Remember to live by FAITH, not Feelings!

Faith is: BELIEVING the Word of God^{Heb11:1;Rm10:17}
and ACTING upon it^{Jms1:22-25;Jn3:36}
no matter How I FEEL^{Heb11}
knowing that God promises a good result^{Rm8:28-29!}