

Jesus Never Said That, Pt. 4

“God Will Never Give You More Than You Can Handle”

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1. This Statement is dangerous because it discourages the need for Godly community in your life.

Mark 2:3-5 (NIV) *“Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”*

What you really need are friends who lead you to Jesus.

Godly community loves you enough to bring you to Jesus, even when it's hard.

You need friends to carry your mat, AND sometimes you need to carry someone else's.

Strength rooted in yourself is spiritual pride.

3 Quick Steps to Godly Community:

- Pray
- Move
- Exemplify Jesus

2. This statement is dangerous because it implies power is derived from our own strength.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV) *“So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

Two parts to write on our hearts for when the struggles come:

- My Grace is Sufficient for you.
- My Power is made perfect in your weakness.

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV) *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

God WILL allow you to go through struggles that you can't handle. But there is no struggle that God can't handle.

Do we believe these truths enough to say “For the sake of Christ, I am content with my weaknesses?”

3. This statement is dangerous because it promotes self-sufficiency instead of Christ sufficiency.

Matthew 14:22-25 (ESV) *“Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Matthew 14:22-25M*

When you know you are in the will of God, don’t turn back.

Matthew 14:26-27 (ESV) *“But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’”*

When you are gripped with fear and anxiety, go to the great I am. His word and His presence will give you courage.

Matthew 14:28 (ESV) *“And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’”*

Peter sees that He is better off outside of the boat with Jesus than inside the boat without Him.

Matthew 14:29 (ESV) *“He said, ‘Come.’ So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.”*

Matthew 14:30-31 (ESV) *“But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’”*

Matthew 14:32-33 (ESV) *“And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’”*

He is worthy of our worship because He is Lord of the storm!

Conclusion

When we feel inadequate, He would prove to be more than enough.

When we feel weak, His grace would give us strength.

When we feel like giving up, He will empower us to keep going.

Let’s hold fast to the promises He has already given to us.

- God will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)
- God is our refuge and strength. (Psalm 46:1)
- His grace is sufficient. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- He works all things together for good for those who love Him. (Romans 8:28)
- He will finish the work He began in you. (Philippians 1:6)