

# Carried Away

## God Promises To Carry Us

**Isaiah 46:4 AMP**

Even to your old age I am He, and even to hair white with age will I carry you. I have made, and I will bear; yes, I will carry and will save you.

God is going to carry me...along paths of righteousness. We follow Him and walk by faith not by sight.

## Carried Away by the Flesh

**John 6:26-29 AMP**

**26** Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you have been searching for Me, not because you saw the miracles and signs but because you were fed with the loaves and were filled and satisfied. **27** Stop toiling and doing and producing for the food that perishes and decomposes [in the using], but strive and work and produce rather for the [lasting] food which endures [continually] unto life eternal; the Son of Man will give (furnish) you that, for God the Father has authorized and certified Him and put His seal of endorsement upon Him. **28** They then said, What are we to do, that we may [habitually] be working the works of God? [What are we to do to carry out what God requires?] **29** Jesus replied, This is the work (service) that God asks of you: that you believe in the One Whom He has sent [that you cleave to, trust, rely on, and have faith in His Messenger].

These people were not carried along by faith but by their appetite and desire for natural food.

Some say, “God doesn’t work.” But they are not coming to God in faith. They were coming

because of a need or a hunger. Faith works.

Later Jesus would say that we must eat His flesh and drink His blood if we are to be His disciples. *You can't be in it just to eat the loaves and fishes.*

When Jesus changes the topic from what they wanted to what God wanted, the people left.

### **What are some things that carry us away?**

Anger

Lust

Fear

Greed - money does not make your life meaningful

Pride

Unbelief

When we look at our lives and examine what is carrying us, we can see these things competing to carry us away. And where are these things carrying us? Away from God and towards Hell.

If we are not being carried away by God in faith, we are being pulled away from His will and purpose.

## **Carried Away By Faith**

### **Mark 5:25-34 AMP**

**25** And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, **26** And who had endured much suffering under [the hands of] many physicians and had spent all that she had, and was no better but instead grew worse. **27** She had heard the reports concerning Jesus, and she came up behind Him in the throng and touched His garment, **28** For she kept saying, If I only touch His garments, I shall be restored to health. **29** And immediately her flow of blood was dried up at the source, and [suddenly] she felt in her body that she was healed of her [distressing] ailment.

**30** And Jesus, recognizing in Himself that the power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around immediately in the crowd and said, Who touched My clothes? **31** And the disciples kept saying to Him, You see the crowd pressing hard around You from all sides, and You ask, Who touched Me? **32** Still He kept looking around to see her who had done it. **33** But the woman, knowing what had been done for her, though alarmed and frightened and trembling, fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. **34** And He said to her, Daughter, your faith (your trust and confidence in Me, springing from faith in God) has restored you to health. Go in (into) peace and be continually healed and freed from your [distressing bodily] disease.

For twelve years she was carried away by the belief that experts would solve her problem.

Even when she had run out of options, she was carried by hope that *someday* a solution would be found and that *someone* would be the one. Her money ran out and her hope in *someday* and *someone* had been crushed. If she found the someone someday she would not be able to pay them.

Having faith in someone, someday can not replace the faith we have in God. It has to come to *now* faith (cf. Hebrews 11:1).

She fought her way through the crowd not looking for just someone. She went looking for Jesus.

That faith carried a sick, anemic woman through a packed crowd. Her faith in Jesus carried her to Him. It wasn't willpower nor desperation that carried her through the crowd. She simply did not have the physical strength to push through. Faith carried her through.

If we are going to reach the destination that God has for us we need to be carried along by faith.

The Bible doesn't say that large lives are lived by people with large incomes. Large lives are lived by people with large faith.

# Conclusion

What is carrying you?

Who is carrying you?

Something is carrying you. You are headed where you are headed because you are being carried by something. Where you are today is the product of that.

Every true disciple is carried away by faith.