

22 IMMEDIATELY JESUS MADE HIS DISCIPLES GET INTO THE BOAT AND GO BEFORE HIM TO THE OTHER SIDE, WHILE HE SENT THE MULTITUDES AWAY. 23 AND WHEN HE HAD SENT THE MULTITUDES AWAY, HE WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN BY HIMSELF TO PRAY. NOW WHEN EVENING CAME, HE WAS ALONE THERE. 24 BUT THE BOAT WAS NOW IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA, TOSSED BY THE WAVES, FOR THE WIND WAS CONTRARY.

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25 NOW IN THE FOURTH WATCH OF THE NIGHT JESUS WENT TO THEM, WALKING ON THE SEA. 26 AND WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW HIM WALKING ON THE SEA, THEY WERE TROUBLED, SAYING, "IT IS A GHOST!" AND THEY CRIED OUT FOR FEAR. 27 BUT IMMEDIATELY JESUS SPOKE TO THEM, SAYING, "BE OF GOOD CHEER! IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID." 28 AND PETER ANSWERED HIM AND SAID, "LORD, IF IT IS YOU,

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COMMAND ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER.”
29 SO HE SAID, “COME.” AND WHEN PETER HAD COME DOWN OUT OF
THE BOAT, HE WALKED ON THE WATER TO GO TO JESUS. 30 BUT
WHEN HE SAW THAT THE WIND WAS BOISTEROUS, HE WAS AFRAID;
AND BEGINNING TO SINK HE CRIED OUT, SAYING, “LORD, SAVE ME!”
31 AND IMMEDIATELY JESUS STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND AND CAUGHT
HIM, AND SAID TO HIM, “O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY DID YOU

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32 AND WHEN THEY GOT INTO THE BOAT, THE WIND
CEASED.

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OBVIOUS STORY POINTS

- There's great trouble and distress
- Peter makes a bold move
- Peter loses focus
- Peter becomes desperate
- Jesus saves Peter

TWO STORIES

- Luke 8:22-25
- Jesus is asleep in the boat
- There's a danger of sinking
- When they become desperate they seek Jesus

PRINCIPLE #1

It is our nature to cry out to Jesus only after becoming desperate!

STORY DIFFERENCE

- In the first story Jesus is in the boat
- In the second story He is absent from the boat
- In the second story Peter gets out of the boat

PRINCIPLE #2

Jesus is always available to us and will respond at exactly the right moment! It is our nature to want an immediate response.

LIFE IN THE BOAT

The winds and waives of turmoil will take you where you don't want to go no matter how much you struggle.

PRINCIPLE #3

For the Christian, it is our response to trials and tribulation that gets us where we want to go!

IT'S A QUESTION OF FAITH?

- **Luke 8:25** - And He said to them, “Where is your faith?”...
- **Matt.14:31** - “...Jesus...said to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’”

LIFE IN THE BOAT

*Staying in the boat represents a life of undeveloped faith.
Life is more dangerous without God. (seems backwards)*

PRINCIPLE #4

“Little” faith is better than undeveloped faith!

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

- *“Where is your faith?”* (Luke 8:25)
- *“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”*

(Matt.14:27)

PRINCIPLE #5

Our confidence must be completely on God and not on ourselves!

5 BUT IF ANY OF YOU LACKS WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, WHO GIVES TO ALL GENEROUSLY AND WITHOUT REPROACH, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM. 6 BUT HE MUST ASK IN FAITH WITHOUT ANY DOUBTING, FOR THE ONE WHO DOUBTS IS LIKE THE SURF OF THE SEA, DRIVEN AND TOSSED BY THE WIND. 7 FOR THAT MAN OUGHT NOT TO EXPECT THAT HE WILL RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM THE LORD, 8 BEING A DOUBLE-MINDED MAN, UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS.

James 1:5-8

IT'S A MATTER OF WILL

When God begins to draw me to Himself, the problem of my will comes in immediately. Will I react positively to the truth that God has revealed? Oswald Chambers 12/2

Faith is not an intellectual act it is an inner personal one. Faith is a deliberate act of our own will to believe.

THERE IS SOMETHING THAT IS “PROFOUNDLY POSSIBLE FOR A CHRISTIAN BELIEVER THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING.

- Battles our won in the secret places of our will!
- We can know that the battle is already won!
- The life of Jesus can be evident in your flesh!

CONTINUOUSLY CONVERTED

- Turn to God everyday as children.
- Submission can only happen through continual conversion.
- Any other response is willful disobedience.

QUESTIONS?

- Were the disciples in either story ever in danger of drowning?
- How did each story end?

32 AND WHEN THEY GOT INTO
THE BOAT, THE WIND CEASED.

FORGETTING IS A PROBLEM!

- In the first story the disciples forgot about feeding the miracles they had seen.
- In the second story the disciples forgot about the first story.