

QUESTIONS FROM CHRIST



What think ye of Christ?
whose son is he?
– Matthew 22:42



Lovest thou me?
– John 21:17



Are not two sparrows sold for a
farthing? and one of them shall not fall
on the ground without your Father.
– Matthew 10:29

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FAITH OVER FEAR - Matthew 8:26

Why are ye fearful, oh ye of little faith?

I. The Voyage (vs 23)

- a. This is the 2nd time Jesus told these men to follow him. Mt. 4:18-22
 - i. There is not that much time between them following Christ when he called them and this story.
- b. They just saw Jesus teaching a scribe of the cost that comes with following. Mt. 8:18-22
- c. They did not know what was waiting on the other side, but they went anyway. Heb. 11:8-10; Acts 20:22.
- d. There is great _____ waiting on the other side if we are willing to go. Josh. 1:3; 3:13-17

II. The Violence (24-25)

- a. This was no ordinary storm (remember these men are fishermen).
- b. A _____ is either from God or allowed by him. Job 9:17, 27:20; Ps. 11:6, 83:15; Is. 29:6
 - i. Sometimes we bring it on ourselves. Jonah 1:4, 12
- c. The storm reveals what is in our hearts. Deut. 8:2; 2 Chro. 32:31
- d. The disciples knew he was there but were still afraid and even questioned if he cared. Mk 4:38, Is. 49:14-15
 - i. They thought they were going to die. Ex. 14:11-12
- e. Though he was silent, was still present. Gen. 27:41, 43, 28:5, 10-12, 16; Gen. 16

III. The Verdict (vs 26a)

- a. It doesn't say that they have no faith, but _____ faith. "Little faith" is connected to doubt and fear. Mt. 6:30; 14:31; 16:8; Lk. 12:28;
- b. Fear is the biggest thing stopping us from having great faith today.
 - i. Fear of loss (Rev. 3:15-17; Mt. 19:22).
 - ii. Fear of failure (Moses, Gideon, Jeremiah).
 - iii. Fear of suffering (1 Pet. 4:12; cf. Rom. 8:18).
 - iv. Fear of the unknown (Jonah 1; Num. 13:31-32).
 - v. Fear of losing control (1 Sam. 18:8-9; Jn. 11:48).
 - vi. Often we are not defeated by the storm, but the fear the storm produces.

- c. Overcome fear with _____. Mk. 5:35-36; Ps. 3; Is. 10;
 - i. We know fear does not come from God. 1 Tim. 1:7
- d. Jesus calls out great faith 2 times and both times they believe someone who is not present can be healed by God. Mt. 8:5-10; 15:21-28

IV. The Victory (vs 26b-27)

- a. The Lord is faithful even when we aren't. Heb. 10:23; Ps. 50:15, 91:15; 107:28-29
 - i. Israel repeatedly complained, doubted, and rebelled yet God still provided and guided them.
- b. The Lord is powerful even when circumstances seem impossible. Jer. 32:17; Job 42:2; Eph. 3:20
- c. Sometimes God leads us into storms to _____ our faith. 1 Pet. 1:7; Jm. 1:2-3; Deut. 8:2; Gen. 22:1.
 - i. This was the safest place they could have been.
 - ii. A faith that can't be tested can't be proven.
- d. God wants to help us in these storms. Is. 43:2; Ps. 46:1
- e. The storm can become a story.
 - i. The fiery furnace
 - ii. The lion's den
 - iii. Joseph's life