

Where is your faith!!!

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LUKE 8:24-25 NIV – (22) One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. **(23)** As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. **(24)** The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. **(25)** “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

James would never forget the way Jesus looked at him. His eyes were at once powerful and calm. Not a trace of fear. Laying aside the blanket, Jesus rose to full height on the rear deck. James, fearing Jesus was about to be pitched overboard, reached to grab him just as Jesus shouted, “Peace! Be still!”

No sooner had those words left his mouth than the wind was completely gone! The sudden hush of the howling was strange. The waves immediately began to decrease. Each disciple stood where he was, looking dumbfounded at the water and sky and each other.

Jesus' gaze lingered for a moment on the steep hills along the western shore. Then he looked around at the Twelve and said, “**Where is your faith?**” He had looked right at James when he said “faith.” Now, as James leaned on the bow, he turned Jesus' question over and over in his mind.

“Where is your faith?”

Today, in the midst of adversity, Christ is asking us the same question. You call His name and you say He is good. We say “He is my rock.” You know what I am saying. We call out His different identities that describes His attributes, but He still asks, “**Where is your faith?**”

Oh no, I am not trying being sarcastic. It just that the question Jesus asked is so loud and it cuts. Is this the same God that departed the Red Sea for the Israelites? Is this the same God that Replenished the Oil and Meal at Zarephath? Is this the same God that protected the Israelites from the ten plagues by having them to place a blood spot over their doorpost? Is this the same God that turned the clock back so King Hezekiah could live longer? Is this the same God that went into the fiery furnace with the three Hebrew boys and let's not forget the lion's den and shut the mouths of the lions up? Is this the same God who was beaten down to looking like hamburger meat and nailed to a cross and died so you and I can live with Him eternally? And Christ asks us today, “**Where is your faith?**”

No I am not minimizing this “Corona virus!” We should take precaution. But why are so many who acknowledge Christ panicking? Why are we fighting in the stores? Why are we buying as if “Toilet paper will save us!” Not to mention many are not searching to see if anyone else is in need. Even many of the church leaders are at a lost. Are you hearing from the true and living God? Have you challenged the people about their faith? Or do we see our celebrity status coming to an end? Are we worried about the electricity staying on? Are we worried about our salary diminishing? Therefore, we limit our service to the people.

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Again, I am not being sarcastic. God sees all! Obvious we don't or we don't want to, but we can't run from the wrath that shall come to the willfully disobedient. Stand on the promises of God. We are not exempt from the famine taking place, but there is always hope in the believer. Let that statement resonate upon you. It changed the life of the disciples and I know it will change us.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 3:3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Don't waste your life so that when you are finished- you weren't finished. Do what God created and redeemed you to do.

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”