



THE GOD-KIND OF FAITH - GOD'S GIFT TO US

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Matthew 4:35-41


35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, **Let us pass over unto the other side.**


36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

Matthew 4:35-41

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

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- Many times in our lives we are victims of paying more attention to storms that arise in our lives than the word of God.
 - Paying more attention to the storms make us victims of our circumstances.

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- Paying more attention to God's word makes us victors, and our faith in God's word is always rewarded.
 - Notice that with Jesus' instructions to go to the other side, the disciples approach Jesus and question his care for them because they let the storm snatch the word of God out of their heart.


Matthew 4:35-41

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace, be still.** And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, **Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?**

Matthew 4:35-41

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

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- Notice that Jesus does not talk to his disciples about the storm, he speaks to the storm.
 - His question is not the problem of the storm but he speaks to the fear in his disciples. His concern is not the storm, it is the lack of faith that seemingly causes him the greatest issues with his disciples.

Matthew 14:23-33

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.


24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.


Matthew 14:23-33

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.**

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- Notice in this case, Jesus says ‘BE OF GOOD CHEER’. He tells them to BE because being is the result of I am.
 - I am of good cheer. I am not afraid means that our state is contingent totally on our belief, our choice to be deliberate in our faith.

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- Every choice we make when we face a challenge is an opportunity to strengthen our faith and win a victory over our unbelief.

Matthew 14:23-33


28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, **Come**. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Matthew 14:23-33

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**

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- Once Jesus gives the command for Peter to come to him on the water, his word alone is the authority, the validation, and the will of God made known.
 - Peter's fear, lack of faith, and focus on the circumstances canceled out the word of God.

Matthew 14:23-33

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Matthew 6:24-34

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 6:24-34

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Matthew 6:24-34

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?


Matthew 6:24-34


28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:


29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Matthew 6:24-34

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

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- Here Jesus affirms us as believers who choose to be intentional about living by faith.
 - We have to know that God has already made provision for his people. He has established his commitment to our well-being. He has expressed his heart concerning us.

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- He affirms our value as his children as well as his love and commitment to us as our father.
 - He has set everything in order for our benefit both with natural and spiritual laws.

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- All God asks in return is that we trust him, we believe him, and develop this precious gift that he has given us - the gift of faith.

Matthew 6:24-34


31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?


32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Matthew 6:24-34

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

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- God has already done everything in his power to provide for us this abundant life.
 - He has given us one job and that is:
 - To seek out the kingdom;
 - To understand how the kingdom operates;

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- To learn the laws of the kingdom and cooperate; and
 - To learn how to use the spiritual laws to change our present reality.
 - I have one job and that is to work on my faith.

Matthew 8:6-13

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.**

Matthew 8:6-13

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

Matthew 8:6-13

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

Matthew 8:6-13

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, **Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.**

Matthew 8:6-13

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 8:6-13

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.