

# The Questions God Asks

## Part 5

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### I. Where is Your Faith?

<sup>22</sup> Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, “**Let us cross over to the other side of the lake.**” And they launched out. <sup>23</sup> But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. <sup>24</sup> And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> But He said to them, “**Where is your faith?**” And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, “Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!”

**Luke 8:22-25 NKJV**

#### A. Where is your faith?

1. Implication is a misplaced sword. **“You had a sword. Where is it?”**
2. Imagine “Fire torpedo #1” and someone forgot to load the torpedoes?

#### B. They had not seen/done that much with Him yet.

1. They hadn’t seen him ascend, resurrect, or even feed the 5,000.
2. He hadn’t sent them out in pairs with power to heal, cast out demons, or raise the dead.

#### C. But apparently, they had seen enough.

1. They saw Him heal the sick, raise the dead, and forgive sins.
2. They also saw...that **Jesus was in the boat!**
3. If they sink, He sinks, and that is not going to happen!

#### D. We know more truth than they did!

1. If they should have had faith, so should we!
2. We know He fed the 5,000, we know He rose on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, we know He ascended to His Father and is seated at His right hand, we know He has kept all

His promises, He has healed our broken bodies, removed our sins as far as the east is from the west, meets us every morning with new and tender mercies, and is coming for us any day!

### WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

### II. Why Did You Doubt?

<sup>24</sup> But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. <sup>25</sup> Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**Be of good cheer! It is I: do not be afraid.**" <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup> So He said, "**Come.**" And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, Saying, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him "**O you of little faith, why did you doubt?**"

**Mathew 14:24-31 NKJV**

A. First, let's focus on the faith.

1. Faith to ask.
2. Faith to get out of the boat.
3. Faith to walk.
4. Who else walked on water? Only Peter!

B. Now, let's analyze the doubt.

1. The boisterous wind.
2. He began to sink.
3. Was he doubting himself? "What have I done?"
4. Was he doubting Jesus. "Why is He letting me sink?"
  - a. No matter whose idea it was, Jesus condoned it. "Come."
  - b. He wasn't walking on water by his faith, but by Jesus power. "Faith in His name."
5. **Our faith is not in our faith, it is in Him!**

C. We must never doubt Him!

### III. Yet to Be Written

You are listening to this message, hopefully thinking "**Stronger faith would really be good for me!**" However, I want you to know that there are other people depending on your faith to make a difference in their lives.

A. What if Peter had grabbed his brother Andrew's hand on the way out of the boat?

1. Would Peter have dragged Andrew through the water to Jesus?
2. Or would Andrew have been able to walk on water with Peter to Jesus?
3. Either way, Andrew would have gotten to walk on water back to the boat!

B. While conjecture here, **certain individuals had strong enough faith to even help others.**

1. Mt. 15:21-28 A Canaanite woman with a demon-possessed daughter.
2. Mt. 8:5-13 A Centurion with a paralyzed servant.

Conclusion:

**You need to stop misplacing your faith and stop doubting.**  
**Others need you to stop misplacing your faith and stop doubting.**  
**Believe! Believe! Believe!!!**