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Have Faith

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Mark 4:35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

Mark 4:36 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.

Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

Mark 4:38 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?

Mark 4:39 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.

Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Mark 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

I don't whether you ever thought about this or not, but Christianity started—we know that Jesus did what He did—but it was started and Jesus called a bunch of young men and that is how this whole thing started. Amen! Jesus came. We know that He was born. We know that He was baptized, we talked this morning...Jesus called a bunch of young men. Some of these guys probably were very young. Probably all of them were very young. We know that Jesus, when He starts His ministry, was probably somewhere around 30 years old. However, this thing all started by and with Jesus calling a bunch of young men.

I never really thought about that much until today. We need young men. We need young women. Amen! Many of us people that are here tonight got saved when we were young. When we were young, and we were not very old, God called, and we answered the call. In our church today, in the church world-wide today; we need young men and we need young women that God has called, and they have answered the call to come and follow Him. We need them. We need their zeal. We need their enthusiasm. We need the old for their wisdom. We need the old for their leadership. However, we need young people. I thought about the things here when you read chapter 3, of Mark; it will tell you that He called them. He called them. There were three things that He said to them. He said, I want you guys to be with me. I am going

to send you forth to preach the gospel. I am also going to give you power over unclean spirits and to cast them out and to heal people. That is three things that He told them.

Be with me.

Go preach.

Heal the sick.

That is a pretty good commission. Don't you think?

The first thing He said, you must be with me first.

As you read this portion of scripture, chapters 3, 4, and 5; they all fit together. Jesus here has been preaching and teaching about the kingdom of God. He had been speaking about different parables. He was teaching them some things that they needed to know. These guys were young. They were not old. They were not very old. Even though they had no doubt, they had and were somewhat familiar with the Old Testament scriptures; do you know what they did not have? They did not have what you and I have today. They did not have Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They did not have all 66 books of the Bible to read. They did not have all of that. They were very immature, and the Lord knew that.

He called them. He is teaching them by parables. He is telling them stories about things that they could understand. Now He is going to do something else. The Bible says here...the same day as in the first verse I read to you here, in verse 35, the same day He was teaching and preaching about using the parables; the very same day, the Bible tells us that it was evening time. Also, it tells us—He tells the disciples, let us go over to the other side.

Now I don't know how many other people were with them. I know the Bible says here...that there were other little ships that were there. I don't know how many other people were in the boat with Jesus and the disciples. I don't know that. I do know and there is no doubt in my mind that the disciples were there. They had seen Him heal. They had seen Him do some wonderful things. They had seen Him do some wonderful miracles. Now it is evening time and they are going to go. Jesus is going to tell them, that we are going to go from the west side of the Sea of Galilee. We are going to go over towards the land of Gadara. We know that story and we are not going to get there tonight.

However, as He—He says let us go over to the other side. The Bible tells us here as they begin to go, as they begin to travel, as they begin to go across the sea something is going to happen.

Do you know what we think sometimes in life? Sometimes we think in life, when storms come, and problems come in life; sometimes we think it is because of sin. Sometimes it is because of sin.

If you read the book of Jonah, do you know what you will find out? We know that Jonah got into a storm and was in a mess simply because he disobeyed God. He goes to Joppa. He is going to go to Tarshish when he should have been going to Nineveh.

When we disobey God and we know what God's will is for our lives then we can expect, and we can understand that God is going to chastise us.

Do you know what? These guys were in the will of God. They were doing exactly what the Lord had told them to do. Jesus said, let us go over to the other side. That is exactly what they did. They get in a boat and they start towards the other side.

I thought about this many times over my lifetime. As we start on this journey in our Christian life; we do not know what is going to happen. We don't know what is going to happen in our lives. All the issues and all the problems that are going to happen. We don't know.

I am so very glad that God made me a promise and made us a promise; that if we would just follow Him that there would be a day that He would take us to the other side. Do you know what I say tonight? I say glory to His name.

They may take parts of these old bodies and they may put in parts. They may have to push us around in chairs. We may need canes. We may need all kinds of things. However, thank God, we have a promise tonight that if we are following Jesus Christ; we are going to heaven. That is exciting to know. Isn't it?

He never told these guys—listen—he never told these guys that they were just going to ease across the lake. He did not tell these guys that there was not going to be a storm. He did not tell these guys that everything was going to be just fine and they were just going to sail slowly and softly across this lake. It was only 6 or 7 miles wide. It wasn't very far over there. Do you know what? Listen. They were not expecting something to happen.

In life, even when we are in the will of God; there will be things that will come our way that we are not expecting. There will be things that will come our way in life when we are living right, doing right, and being right; there will be things that will come in life that will not be comfortable. There will be things that will come in life that we don't like. There will be things that will come in life that will sometimes knock the props out of us. I want you to always remember whatever may come our way, your way, my way; hold on to the fact that we have Jesus Christ. If we are saved, then I know that He will take me and us through the storm. We should know that. We forget that sometimes.

Here these guys are. They knew who Jesus was. They testified that He is the Messiah. They had seen Him do great things. They saw Him change people's lives.

How many times have you seen God do things in your life? God has done great things in our lives. The same God that has saved you is the same God that is keeping you. Amen! God has not run off and left us. If God has saved us, then God has not run off

and left us. I know sometimes we may get side tracked. We may get on our own little road and go down the wrong path sometimes, but do you know what? God has never left us, nor will He ever leave us.

Get this. There will never be a place in life that you can go that God will not love you. We may sin. We may get a long way from Almighty God. We may do a lot of different things. However, we will never get to the place in life that God does not love us. Even those that is going to be cast into a lake of fire; God still yet will love them. Amen!

You see, a lot of things we get mixed up about sometimes. God loves us. God cares about us. That does not mean that God is not a consuming fire because He is.

When you read the Old Testament, do you know what we must know? When we read the Old Testament; we must know that God loved Israel. We must know that. Don't we? We must know that God loved Israel. When I read the New Testament do you know what I know? I know God loves me. Don't you? I know it enough because Jesus died for me. He died for me. He died for you. I know He loves me. I know that. However, as I read the Old Testament and as I read the New Testament; do you know what else I know? God hates sin. He hates sin in the world and He hates sin more in my life. He hates sin in your life. Doesn't He? Truth!

Understand something. Jesus is the master of any situation that may come our way. I don't care what it is in life; if we are following Jesus Christ, I don't care what the situation is, Jesus is the master. He can take care of any situation that comes in life, and any danger that comes, if we will just simply follow Him and follow His commands and His orders that He gives you and me. Do you know what He will always do? He will always give us victory. He will always take care of us.

The Bible says these guys are in a boat with Jesus. Listen. It shows us here the humanity of Jesus. What that means is that He was human. The Bible says He gets on the boat here. There is no doubt, He has been preaching and teaching. They are talking. No doubt, He was worn out. He was thinking; hey, I'm going to get a little bit of sleep while we are traveling over to the other side. That is His humanity. He is going to show us something here in a minute about His deity. The Bible tells us here that while He is in the ship, He is in the back of it laying down on a pillow taking a nap. The Bible says there was a storm that arose. These disciples no doubt had seen storms before. These guys fished on the Sea of Galilee. These guys—there is no doubt in my mind—even though they may have been young fellows; they were rough and rugged individuals. They did not get scared very easily.

Listen. I have learned something over the years. There are going to be storms that are going to come. Sometimes when we look up and see the storm clouds and we see lightning across the sky, and we hear the thunder. It seems like there is no place to hide. I'm glad of something that I have learned. There is a place that we can go. There is a place that I can find. I can get in the darkness somewhere on my face and I can call out to my Father. Do you know what I know? I know He is listening. I know He will

take care of me. Do you know why? It is because I belong to Him. You belong to Him if you are saved. Do you know what I know? The same God that saved me and the same God that is going to take me to heaven is the same God that if I follow Him and live right and do right; all the storms that comes from the time I got saved until I take my last breath; the same God is going to take care of me and going to take care of you. Everyone of us. That should give us encouragement. We may have to take a few shots in our knees every now and then. We may have to pour some oil in our ears every now and then when they hurt. We may have to take a few aspirin for our headaches. We may have to rub on our feet where they hurt. We may have to do a lot of things in life, but those things are just no big deal anyway. Do you know why?

Listen. We are going to heaven one day. We are going to a place that is real. We are going to a place that we are going to be His people. He is going to be our God. He is going to write His name on our forehead. Thank God do you know what we are going to be able to do? We are going to be able to praise Him forever and ever and in a body that is never going to hurt and never going to get old. We are not going to have to put up with satan anymore because he is going to be burning in a lake of fire forever and ever. I praise the name of the Lord tonight. That excites me.

The enemy is a jerk. I don't like him. He knows I don't like him. Do you know what? He aggravates me. Amen! He aggravates me with thoughts and issues. He uses people. Sometimes he uses me to aggravate me. Amen! He does you too.

Listen. God loves us.

Here they are in a ship. They are sailing across the sea. As I said earlier, it is just a short trip. It is 6 or 7 miles. They had been on this lake many times. They had fished this lake many times. This is where they had made their living at all their lives. We understand they were fishermen. As they were sailing along, Jesus in the back of the ship here is taking a nap. The Bible says there was a storm that arose. It was a great storm of wind. The Bible says that the waves begins to beat on the sides of ship and begin to come over the side of the ship. The Bible tells us now that the ship is about to sink. It is being filled with water. These disciples were rugged, strong men that had seen storms before. However, they had never seen a storm like this before.

There will be days like that in our lives. There will be days like that where we will face things that we have never faced before.

Listen. What these guys did—I appreciate what they did; I don't appreciate what they were thinking, but I appreciate what they did—do you know what they understood? They understood that if they were going to get out of this thing, they had better go talk to Jesus. We had better go get Him. We know if He doesn't come and help us, we are all going to drown.

The Bible says that they go back there and wake Him up. They said, hey Lord, don't you care that we are all about to drown?

Listen. Jesus knew all about the storm before He ever left dry land. He knew the storm was going to come. Jesus knows the storm that is coming in your life and He knows the storms that are coming in my life. This storm did not surprise Him. We may get surprised sometimes, but they don't surprise Him. He knows what is happening. I can see these young men. The storm is raging.

I have never been on rough water like some of you have that has been in the army. I have been on some rough water out in the ocean, but not for an extended period of time. I'm going to tell you something. It can get scary.

I can imagine these guys. It is dark. The waves coming over the side of the boat. They are thinking what are we going to do now? We are all about to drown. The boat is going to sink. What are we going to do now? They did the only logical thing that they could have done. They woke up Jesus. They could have tried to bail water out but that would not have worked. That is what we try to do sometimes in our problems in life. We try to bail ourselves out. I have been bailed out of jail before, but I have not been bailed out of a boat. You can't do. There are many things in life that you can't bail yourself out of. These guys could not bail themselves out of the water... However, they did the only logical thing that they could have done, and they did it first. They go and wake up Jesus.

"Lord, don't you care that we are about to drown? The boat is going to sink. We are all about to die. Don't you care?"

Sometimes in life, we are just like these young men were; "Lord, don't you care where I am at? Don't you care how I feel? Lord, don't you care what is going on in my family? ...my children, my grandchildren, my job, my home, my wife, my son, my daughter; Lord, don't you care?" We think that way sometimes. When the storms are great. When the wind is blowing. When the waves are coming over the boat. We think we are about to drown. We think that way sometimes. "Don't you care?"

Listen. Jesus cares. These guys were in no danger. Get that. These guys were in no danger at all. Do you know why? Because Jesus was on the boat with them. They were not in any danger at all. There was a fierce storm here. The wind was blowing. The boat was about to sink. However, they were not in any danger at all.

Get this. Do you know why? Because not only was Jesus in the boat, but He also already told them, "Hey, we are going to the other side. We are going." He did not say we are going half way across and everybody is going to drown. He said, "We are going to the other side." Do you know what that meant? They were going to the other side. They were not going to drown. The boat was not going to sink.

Listen. The Lord loves us enough that we are not going to drown, and we are not going to sink. Amen! Hallelujah! He loves us. The same God that died for me is the same Lord that loves me. He is not going to let us drown.

These guys were in no danger at all. None whatsoever. They thought they were. They thought they were going to drown. Their fear—I promise you, if we could talk to them today, they would tell us that they were scared to death, on that night. The Lord taught them a lesson. They said, “Lord, don’t you care that we are about to perish?”

Jesus makes this statement. He is hinder part of the ship. He is asleep. They wake Him up. Don’t you care we are about to perish? The Bible says in verse 39, He arose. He gets up from where He was sleeping and resting. He rebukes the wind.

Get that. The wind is blowing so hard that it is blowing the waves into the boat. These folks probably were not real big; but it was probably a good-sized boat. It would take a lot of wind to raise up a wave high enough to get in these boats. So, the wind was blowing. Amen!

Have you ever been in a storm in your life when the wind is blowing hard? Have you ever been in a storm when the wind is blowing hard? Have you ever been there? Sure, you have. Do you know what Jesus did? The Bible says He just rebuked the wind. Do you know what it says? “Hey, wind. Calm down.” He did not have to do a bunch of stuff. He did not have to run around and do a lot of different things. He did not have to get out and have a prayer meeting. He said—He rebuked the winds. Winds calm down.

In our lives, many times, in this boy’s life the storm has been raging. The storm has been raging. The wind has been blowing. There has been time in my life...that I did not know whether I was going to get through this one or not. Amen! Sickness and different things going on. However, do you know what the Lord has always done. He will do that until He gets done with me and you. The things that are about to destroy us or take us out of here; if we are following Him, He will rebuke them. I’m not afraid to say that. As a matter of fact; I am glad that I can say that. I’m glad I have enough faith in Almighty God to know that He is taking care of me. Amen! The storms are going to blow. I know they are. It is going to happen. The winds are going to blow. The waves are going to come. The Bible said that Jesus rebuked them

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And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Peace be still. Do you know what happens? A great calm. Isn’t that awesome? The same God that saved me and you, the same God that one day is going to come and we are going to go to heaven; is the same God that calms the raging storms in our life and can cause everything that is so out of control, He can put back in control. He can say, peace be still.

If we would have been on that boat on that day, and if we could talk to those boys tonight also; do you know what they would have said? When He spoke the word, the winds quit blowing and the sea was calm. I’d say these boys were shaking in their

shoes. The wind quit blowing and the sea was calm. I'd say they said, He did it again. He did it again.

Here is the whole thought of the whole message is the rest of what is in these verses I read to you.

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Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Mark 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

He calmed the storm. There wasn't any danger. He knew that there wasn't any danger. They were not going to sink. They were not going to drown. They were all fine. However, they did not know that. Look what happens.

Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

What is it that is going on in you, what is it that is going on around you that has got you so afraid? What is it? Jesus is going to tell them something here. The reason they were afraid—get this—it wasn't because of the storm. They reason that they were scared to death; it wasn't the storm at all. He is going to let them understand that. He wants them to understand that. I want you to get that.

The reason you and I get fearful and afraid sometimes when the storm is raging; it is not because of what is around us. He says...

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The things that scares us folks, that is in our area, the things that are around us is really not what makes us afraid. The storms that we go through in life are not what makes us afraid. The things that we go through in life; they may horrible and I know they are sometimes. That is not the things that makes us fear. The thing that makes us fear is that we have no faith in Him.

That is what He is telling these guys right here. The thing that is making you guys afraid is that you do not have any faith in me. You have seen me do all I have done. Loaves and fishes; He fed thousands. As you read on down through the story you know He is going to raise the dead and do all kinds of stuff. These guys saw it all. He looks at them and says, it is not the surroundings that is causing you guys all your trouble.

We do that so much. We blame it on circumstances. We blame it on people of all the issues we have. However, the greatest issue is, and the root of all these issues is our lack of faith in Almighty God. If claim Him as our Savior, as our Redeemer, as the One

who is going to come and get us and take us home when life comes to an end; why in the world do we think that He is not going to take care of us. He is going to take care of us. The problems with us, and the problem that we fear, and the reason that we fear is not out here; it is in here. (within us—lack of faith) We fight the battle here, but the issue is here in our hearts. We just simply don't want to trust... I know you are God and I know you are great, and I know you have done all kinds of things in everybody else's life, but I don't think you are going to rescue me this time. Do you know what that is? That is lack of faith in Him, and you are going to fear. Do you know what fear is going to do? Fear is going to eat you alive. When you fear, and you are afraid, when storms are raging, and things are going on; when you fear, fear will eat you alive. You will worry about things to worry about. Amen! You put all this stuff in your mind, and you will run all this stuff through your mind; this is going to happen and that is going to happen, this is never going to work out, and that is never going to be... Don't do that. Don't take that trip. The same God that saved you—if He is big enough to forgive your sins, cleanse you and write your name in His book, and make you a promise that He is going to take care of you and come and get you. Listen. He is big enough to take care of little pity problems we have.

These bodies He made from the dust. Amen! He did not need any super glue to put us together with. He didn't! He formed us from the dust. He breathed into our nostrils the breath of life and we became a living soul. Our heartbeats, our blood runs through our veins, we have lungs, and we have all this stuff. Since He did that do you know what I know? He is the best doctor that I can talk to. Amen! I thank God for the doctors we have and our medical professionals. I praise God for them. We need them.

However, more than I need food, more than I need money, more than I need a job, more than I need help; I need to have faith in Him, faith in Him that is unwavering. Faith in Him that when the boat is about to sink; I know He is on board. I know He is on board. I know I am not going down. Amen! I might have to dog paddle a while. I know I am not going down. I want you to know that. When we face every day, the closer we get to the return of Jesus Christ, the more of a battle that you and I are going to be in, the more of a struggle that we are going to be in. Do you know why? Because satan knows he just has a short time. He is going to do everything he can to upset us and cause us all kinds of issues as much as he can because he knows he has but a short time. Let's make sure our faith is in God. Let's make sure our faith is real and genuine. When our boat looks like it is going to sink; let's say Lord I know I am not going to sink. Let's tell the enemy I know I am not going to sink. He will tell you that you are not saved. He will tell you that because you are going through this that God does not love you. He will tell you that since you are going through this that God couldn't love you. You couldn't be saved, going through all of this. However, if there had been a time in your life that you have been born again—listen—I may have made failure in life. I may have messed up, but I can take you back to the night that the Lord forgave me. He cleansed me. He saved me. He forgave me. I know I belong to Him. I am not going to sink. Amen! That is exciting to me. I want it to be exciting to you. When it is exciting to

me and you and all of us; do you know what will happen? You will tell more people how exciting it is to have faith in God. Do you know what some of them will do? Some of them will believe you. Some of them will get saved. They may go to the church down the road or over the hill. They may go to church anywhere. I don't care where they go; I want to see people saved. I want to see the church down the road have revival, over the hill, out the road, and all these different places; I want to see them have revival. Don't you? I want to see people going to heaven.

We get narrow minded sometimes.

At three o'clock this morning I was up reading and doing some things, sitting on the couch. I happened to put the TV on. We get narrow minded sometimes. We think that God is not doing anything anywhere sometimes. I sat there, and they were interviewing a pastor in Johannesburg, South Africa. This guy knew the Mandela guy that was president. He knew him and had a personal relationship with him. God called him to ministry, I think in 1979 or 1980. God called him to preach. From that time to this time they showed a picture—get this—of the church that he had built and was pastoring. If I heard them right, it was a place as big as a football stadium. The place held 21,000 people in Johannesburg, South Africa. A Christian church preaching the love of Jesus Christ in Johannesburg, South Africa, a place that was overflowing. God is doing some great work everywhere. Amen! That encouraged me when I saw that. That lets me know that the work...

We pray for Jezreel. He called me on Christmas day and wished me a Merry Christmas. That tickled me. That blessed me when he did that. We pray for these guys that are in the Philippines, or South Africa, or wherever they may be at. They are serving the same God that we are. God is doing some great work around the world. This is no time to be sad. This is no time to be down and out. This is no time to retire. It is a time to re-fire. It is a time to be stirred up for Jesus Christ.

Come and pray—