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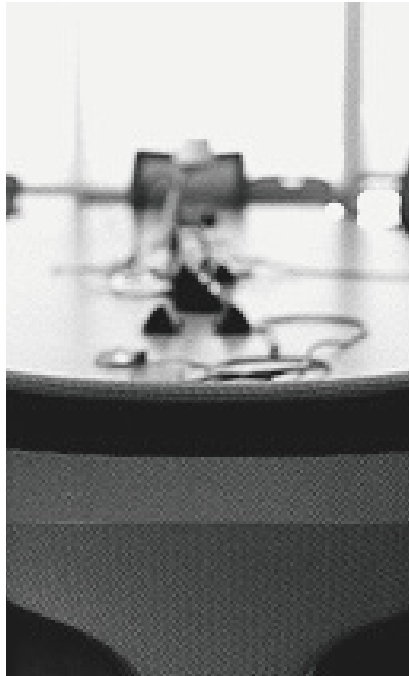
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LET US PASS OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE

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

After teaching throughout the entire day to His disciples on the Parable of the soils and other things, Jesus then sent them to the other side. Jesus' disciples were given words of faith throughout the day.

Based on Romans chapter ten and verse seventeen; the faith of God comes to us by hearing.

So then, the grace to make it to the other side, as well as the faith to navigate the journey was available with Jesus' words: **Let us pass over unto the other side.**

Got it?

Independent of outward circumstances; everything needed to pass over to the other side was available to them. Jesus gave the instructions and went to sleep. Why did Jesus go to sleep? I'd say He was tired and needed rest.

Jesus went to sleep and was at rest within His spirit and in His body.

He was at rest, He was at PEACE.

Jesus had peace resident within Himself, within His spirit.

What about His disciples?

Well, a storm arose. Where did the storm come from? Well, Jesus had said earlier in this chapter, and earlier in the day, that satan comes immediately to steal the Word, using afflictions, persecutions, cares of this world, lusts of other things, deceitfulness of riches and offenses.

This storm came from the devil. Once the storm hit, the disciples became fearful and anxious.

The peace of God is to be on the inside first and then flow outward and into any circumstances opposing God's will.

Why were the disciples not at peace?

Answer; they had not fully embraced and acted on those faith-filled words; **Let us pass over unto the other side.**

We'll discover momentarily that if they had acted on the words of Jesus, they would have spoken to the winds and then the storm and consequently experienced the same results as Jesus.

What was the key to experiencing the manifestation of the peace of God in the midst of the storm, and then passing over to the other side? The answer is faith.

You must have the faith of God.

Listen to the remaining verses from our text starting with verse thirty-seven;

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

Vs 38 - And he (JESUS) 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?

The disciples who were at this point, full of fear, accuses Jesus of not caring because He was resting in the midst of the storm.

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

Unlike many people, Jesus did **not** deal with the outward circumstances ... "**first**", but instead He "**first**" dealt with the unseen root of the raging sea. Jesus dealt with the WIND and then the SEA. Jesus spoke His inner "**PEACE**" to the Wind and then to the SEA.

PEACE and FAITH are companions; they flow together.

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

Was Jesus justified in asking this question? Of course He was. The disciples could have released their faith by speaking to the storm in the same way Jesus did.

We've discovered with this passage; that a key to releasing faith is speaking words.

There is a difference between receiving faith and releasing faith. We can receive faith by hearing, but we release faith by speaking. **Once Jesus was awakened, He released His faith and spoke peace to the situation.**

In order for you to navigate your journey to the other side of wherever you are at present; it will require faith.

Let's explore this further in the next article.

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HAVE FAITH?



I'm sure many of you remember the milk commercial, with people wearing milk moustaches? The caption at the end simply read; "**Got milk?**". I thought that was a catchy phrase and it came to mind as I thought about this article. Yet, instead of asking the question "Got Milk?", the Lord presented this thought to me in the following way; ... "**Have Faith?**"

As a follow-up to the previous article, which you **MUST** read, in order to flow with the transition into this article. Jesus asked His disciples a question when they failed to follow through on His instructions to them; **Let us pass over unto the other side.**

The disciples awakened Jesus with fear, He then rebuked the wind and waves and then asked them two questions. This is found in the book of mark chapter four and verse forty.

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

These disciples were given the **faith** and **grace** needed to be successful with navigating the journey to the other side.

One of the evidences that you **Have Faith** is that you'd ... release your faith by ... speaking.

Let's look at some scriptural support this thought beginning with Luke chapter seventeen.

Luke 17:5-6 - And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. **Vs 6** - And the Lord said, **If ye had faith** as a grain of mustard seed, **ye might say** unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

Jesus said to the disciples in this instance; "... **If ye had faith ... ye might say**".

We also find this thought in Matthew chapter seventeen.

Matthew 17:19-20 - Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? **Vs 20** - And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say** unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

So then in two instances we find Jesus speaking similar words to His disciples, albeit a different set of circumstances, He said; "... **If ye had faith ... ye might say**".

Are you beginning to see a pattern here?

Notice with all three instances, the derivation of the thought ... "**Have faith**".

Mark 4:40 - How is it that ye **have no faith?**

Luke 17:5-6 - If ye **had faith** ... ye might say

Matthew 17:19-20 - If ye **had faith** ... ye might say.

You'll notice with each of these instances the having of faith was accompanied by the SAYING of words.

Jesus actually rebuked the Winds and spoke to the sea in Mark chapter four, which is what He expected the disciples to do, which is why He asked the question; *How is it that ye have no faith?*

Then in the other two instances Jesus said to His disciples; If you had faith you'd say ...

This also pertains to you and I.

I'll ask you the question; Have Faith?

If so; it would be evident in your words.

Jesus spoke to a fig tree one day and said;

Mark 11:14 - ... "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples **heard** it.

When was the last time you spoke to anything opposing God's will for your life.

Would you think that to be a strange thing?

Well, the disciples heard what Jesus had said and later on, they saw the results of His Words.

Vs 20 - And in the morning, as they passed by, they **saw** the fig tree dried up from the roots.

Vs 21 - And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

After this question was asked in amazement Jesus said the following words:

Vs 22 - And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.**

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Actually in the Greek, verse twenty-two renders in the following way:

Have the faith of God ...

God desires for you to have faith. In order to have the faith of God, you must hear faith when it comes.

According to the book of Romans chapter ten and verse seventeen; "**faith comes by hearing**"...

If you're to hear faith when it comes, you must have ears to hear. If you're to have ears to hear, you must have an interest in what's being communicated.

If you hear and receive the **Word of faith** when it comes, you'll speak it with the mouth.

Romans 10:9 - That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **Vs 10** - For **with the heart man believeth** unto righteousness; and with **the mouth confession is made** unto salvation.

If something is believed, it should be confessed, for faith to be released. If you've not spoken your belief, then you've not released your faith.

Let's go back to the book of Mark and complete Jesus' thoughts following His statement; "Have the Faith of God"

Mark 11:23 - "For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall say** unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and **shall not doubt in his heart**, but shall **believe that those things which he saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Again; we see that the person **having faith** is to say something. Jesus illustrated to His disciples beforehand, the operation of faith by speaking to the fig tree, and then He provides an explanation for the illustration.

Have Faith?

If you have faith, you'd say something.

Lastly, we'll read a verse from the book of Second Corinthians chapter four and verse thirteen.

2 Corinthians 4:13 - We **having the same spirit of faith**, according as it is written, **I believed**, and therefore have **I spoken**; we also believe, and therefore speak;

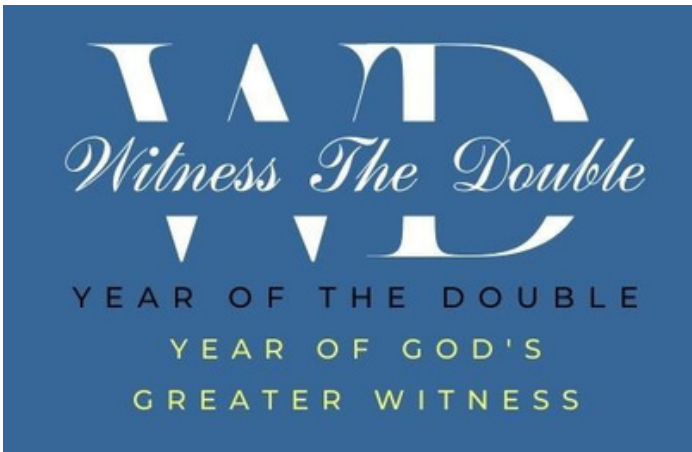
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When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

Luke 8:11 – Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

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