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**We’re All In The Same Boat**

Mark 4:35-37 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. (37) And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. (KJV)

You know, when reading the scriptures they become more real and alive when you can picture yourself in the same situations, and then see how our Lord responds. For instance, how many of us have had ourselves in a boat load of trouble, even to the point that it was full and our ship was getting ready to sink? Yet when looking at the above verses, we will see for ourselves what the solution was, as well as how it relates to us personally.

Mark 4:38-40 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? (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? (KJV)

A while ago I heard some people commenting on these verses and asking, “Why was the Lord so hard on the disciples, after all they were not yet filled with the Spirit?” However, when looking at the above verses, our Lord is not only speaking to the disciples but to us as well, and asking “Why are you so fearful at times, and allow doubt to creep in and fill your carnal minds?”

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (KJV)

You know, the disciples had to have seen the clouds building up, and then the wind began to blow. In essence the Lord was asking His disciples, “Why did you wait until the ship was full before you called on me for help?” Sound familiar Church? Why do we fill our minds with so much doubt and fear, and then wait for the ship to start sinking before we call on the Lord, and then cast down those imaginations that are flooding our mind? Had we called on the Lord right away (you know like seeking first the kingdom of God, making prayer and studying the Word a priority), it would have saved us a boat load of trouble.

Isaiah 50:4-5 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. (5) The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. (KJV)

Has the Lord been trying to get your Spiritual ears woken up early so that you can hear His message of faith and deliverance before the enemy gets a cheap shot in? The Lord is in the same boat with us Church, because His word is quite specific to point out that He will never leave us nor forsake us; so that like verse 5 alludes to, we don’t have to turn back or retreat, but we can get to our destination despite the storms that arise.

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? (KJV)

The simple truth is that the Lord wouldn’t ask you to do something only to end up drowning in destruction. How many times have we waited, or limited the Lord at times, not realizing or believing that He is able to do exceeding and abundantly above all that we could have ever asked or thought of? So today Church, we’re all in the same boat, and I pray that you get to your destination today and not fall short.