

**“In the Faith Test,  
*Keep Your Eyes on Jesus*”  
Matthew 14: 22-36**

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I WILL NOT  
FORGET YOU.  
I HAVE WRITTEN  
YOUR NAME ON  
THE PALMS OF  
MY HANDS.

ISAIAH 49:15-16

Verse 22 - 24

Preparation for the Faith Test





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**The contrary winds of life have a tendency to take you off your course**

**Be ready to change your plans**

**God has a plan that may be quite different than your plan!**

**In the stress of life, Jesus teaches us to get alone with God**

## **In life, God sends different storms**

**Storms of correction:** God disciplines us to get us back on course

**Storms of perfection:** Storms that test our faith and helps us to grow in faith



Verse 25 - 27

In the Faith Test, the disciples forget,  
*Jesus remembers*



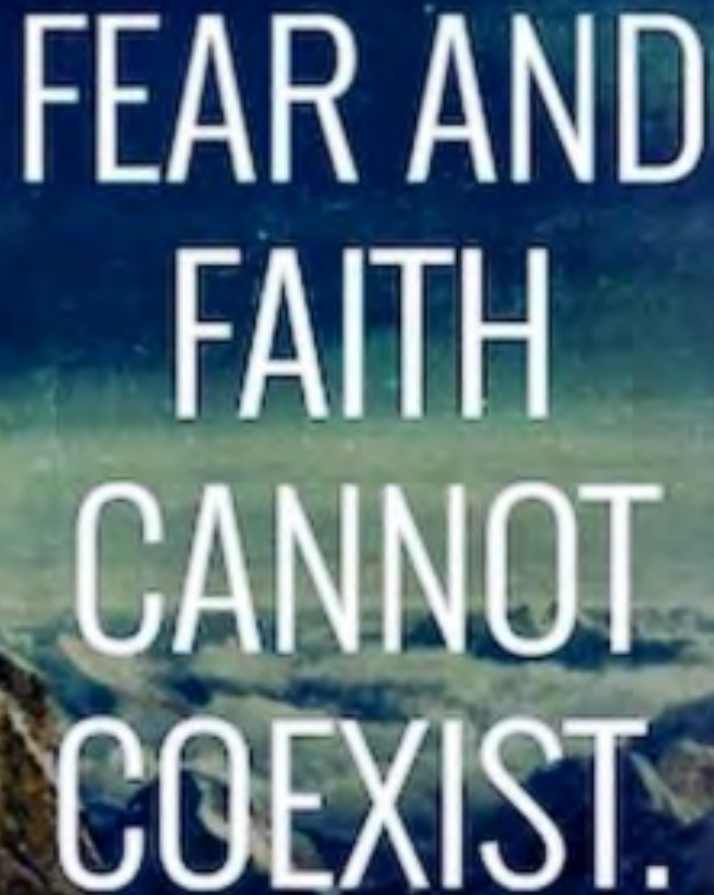
**In their troubled, fearful, terror state, there is no prayer, and no crying out to God**

**In the crud, the horrendos of life, make God your first go to place and PRAY!**

**Jesus to the rescue, *“Be of good cheer, it is I, do not be afraid”***

***“Do not be afraid”* is a command, an imperative  
- *I AM here, stop fearing!***

**Fear or faith, *you choose*, they cannot coexist!**



**FEAR AND  
FAITH  
CANNOT  
COEXIST.**

Verse 28 - 32

In the Faith Test, all eyes on Jesus



**Fear overcame faith and Peter began to sink; sound familiar?**

**We can sink into despair, discouragement and depression; fears' destiny is to drown in worry!!**


**Have *FAITH*, not *FEAR*!**

**While here, we are all in Jesus school, being prepared for another kingdom**

**We are being prepared to reign as kings and priests**

**Life here is all about change, old me to new me**

**In Jesus school, we learn to trust Him no matter what, and to change!**



Don't let the obstacles in front of you  
take your eyes off of Jesus!

teaching  
what is *good*



**Verse 33**  
**Finally, Faith to see,  
and they worshipped Him**

**Worship breaks out in the boat**

***“Truly, You are the Son of God”***

**Now they get it, now they see**

**Once I was blind, but now I see**

**Verse 34 - 36**  
**Changed by Faith in Jesus**

**What greets the exhausted group on shore?**

*More ministry*

**I believe the disciples' attitude is changing; they have learned from the test (YEAH!)**

**In the test, we learn to join God where He is at work**

**In the test, we learn that it is all about His timing, His will be done**

## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

**How are we to treat Jesus/God?**

*Glorify Him, honor Him, revere Him,  
bow to Him - Philippians 2: 10-11*

**This world is in rebellion against God; one day they will realize Who they are dealing with**

**As our nation runs from God and embraces the gods of this world, *the nation changes!***

**Three gods invaded Israel, three gods impacted the Jewish people: Baal, Ashtoreth, Molech**

**For these gods to invade, the people had to turn their backs on the *True God***

**America has turned its back on **God**, and opened the door to false gods**

**Zeitgeist spirits, the spirits of the age, are here!**

**Baal leads the charge** - prosperity, money, stuff;  
focus is on more and more - *never satisfied!*

**Ashtoreth follows** with her focus on sex, drugs,  
new age, the occult, worship of earth (gia)

**Ashtoreth is also known as the transformer** -  
*reversing male and female roles!*

**Molech, known as the destroyer**, child sacrifice -  
*the deepest and darkest fall from God!*





# Syncretism

Blending differing religious beliefs,  
philosophies or practices  
into something new

Are You Guilty?



**Our rescue is in our God; Jesus is coming, *the King is coming!!***

**Meanwhile, our job is to stand immovable, not moved by the cultural change!**

**As the tempest arose on the sea, the tempest is arising in our world**

**The disciples were fearful, many today are fearful!**

**Those in the boat with Jesus need not fear!**

**We must not fear, *our God is with us! We are SAFE!***

**We are living in exciting times; many looked forward to our day!**

Today, many live with Rapture *anxiety!*

**We live with Rapture hope!!**

We are privileged to be the generation that could see Jesus' return

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his  
shoulder, and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of  
peace there will be no end, on the throne of  
David and over his kingdom, to establish it  
and to uphold it with justice and with  
righteousness from this time forth and  
forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.  
Isaiah 9:6-7

**LISTEN . . . . .**

***YOU CAN ALMOST HEAR THE  
FOOTSTEPS OF THE MESSIAH!***

***MAY “MARANATHA” BE OUR BATTLE CRY  
EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS!!***

**HE IS COMING!!**



**ALL EYES ON  
JESUS**