

Faith: What, How & Who?

Luke 8: 22 - 25

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WHAT 'S THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN YOUR LIFE?

Your Toolkit

Asking the Right Questions

What is Faith?

How is Faith worked out?

Who is Faith for?

Jesus Calms the Storm

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. 23 As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

What is Faith?
(Luke 8: 3 – 15)
Parable of the Soil

What is Faith?

(Luke 8: 3 – 15)

Faith can be derailed

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Story of Seed is NOT
describing 4 different types of
People BUT
4 different responses each time
in one person.

Faith Derailed

#1 Misplaced Faith:
Seed falling on the path

God's Word falling on deaf ear
makes you deaf and blind.

Faith Derailed

#2 Shallow Faith

Fell on rock, no roots:

Testing can derail our faith.

#2 Shallow Faith

Believing we will be guaranteed a
smooth ride in this life
if we follow God
is
shallow faith and
misplaced optimism.

Faith Derailed

#3 Choked Faith:

Falling on thorns:

Worries, riches & pleasures
choked out seed.

#3 Choked Faith

Human being without recognizing God results in misplaced affections – fame, power, money, education, inventions.

The consequence:
Choked Faith

WHAT IS FAITH?

Fruitful Faith

Falling on good soil, yielding 100-Fold

How is Faith worked out?

Lamp on Lampstand (8: 16-17)

More will be given (8: 18)

Disciples are those who practice God's

Word (8: 19-21)

Stormy Sea (8: 22 – 24)

HOW IS FAITH WORKED OUT?

#1 Faith must shine (8: 16 – 18)

“No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed.

Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.”

HOW IS FAITH WORKED OUT?

People can see your light!

God wants you right in the
middle of your mess
because it's the
perfect place for Him to SHINE!

HOW IS FAITH WORKED OUT?

#2 Faith must grow –
More will be given

“Therefore consider carefully how you listen.
Whoever has will be given more;
whoever does not have,
even what he thinks he has will be taken from him.”
(Luke 8: 18, 19)

HOW IS FAITH WORKED OUT?

“A Do-Nothing Faith will not do!

There is no such thing as a stationary
position in faith.

You either move forward or
slide downward.”

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25 years of experience?

“You don’t have 25 years of experience.
You have 1 year of experience
multiplied 25 times!”

HOW IS FAITH WORKED OUT?

#3 Faith is a community of people who
PRACTICE: HEAR and ACT!

(8: 19 – 21)

“He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.”

*“Fly Alone, Fly Fast
Fly Together, Fly Far”*
An African Proverb

HOW IS FAITH WORKED OUT?

#4 Faith will be tested

Jesus calms the storm

(8: 22 -24)

a. Test comes suddenly & unexpectedly

Most ordinary situation then turn
topsy-turvy suddenly.

“A squall came down on the lake”

b. Test comes even in area of expertise
You still cannot manage it.

There were professional fishermen.
“so that the boat was being swamped,”

c. Test comes when your life is threatened & deep fear sets in.

There's nothing you can do about it.

“they were in great danger.”

“The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to drown!”

The Master Steps In

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

²⁵ “Where is your faith?” he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.”

*Many of us don't come to Jesus
unless we are in crisis.*

***We leave Him out
In the equation of life
most of the time.***

Is Jesus your steering wheel
or your spare tire?

“We all have faith
but we lack sufficient faith.”

Who is Faith for?

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Purpose of Faith is Rediscovering and
Experiencing Jesus

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Faith must lead to rediscovering

Jesus is Lord

over nature, demons, disease, and
death.

The Three Other Miracle Stories

Lord of Nature 8:22–25

Lord of Supernatural 26–39

Lord of Disease 40–48

Lord of Death 49–56

Read most books on Conflict
Pioneered Mediation
Movement (EMCC)
Consultant to Subordinate
Court
Trained Mediators
Divorce Mediation
Give Parenting Talks

Write Book on Conflict!

Expert Outside
Amateur Inside

Faith tested in my area of expertise!

Let God be my steering wheel
not just spare tire!

THE KING HAS **ONE** MORE MOVE!

Only God can turn

- Mess into a **MESSAGE**,
- Test into a **TESTIMONY**,
- Trial into a **TRIUMPH**,
- Victim into a **VICTOR**