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How Can I Have Faith?

Matthew 14:22-36

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.²⁵During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and. beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." ³⁴When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him ³⁶ and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

Focus Points

• Do You Truly Believe That Jesus Is the Messiah and Savior?

 The Contrasting Hearts of the Pharisees and the Disciples Toward the Lord

• There Are Four Types of Soil in Our Hearts:

A heart like the path (hardened and unreceptive)

A heart like rocky ground (shallow and emotional)

A heart like thorny ground (distracted and choked by womies and wealth)

A heart like good soil (open, deep, and fruitful)ble possible

— beyond what we can see.

• Faith Comes from the Word.

Faith is like hanging a coat: You need a hook, and that hook is t

You need a hook, and that hook is the Word of God. Faith Must Be Given by the Lord.

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What we must do is open our hearts and come before the Lord. Read the Word and pray.

[Questions]

- 1. In my daily life, how do I acknowledge Jesus as Lord?
- 2. Is the foundation of my faith based on emotions, or based on the Word?
- 3. What kind of soil best describes the state of my heart?
- 4. On what foundation should our faith in the Word be built?
- 5. How can I apply this in my life and place my faith in the Word this week?

Application

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Thanks giving prayer point

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Walking daily with God in the life given to us, and building the kingdom of God.

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