The Holy Land Season 2: Overcoming Doubt



Scripture

• <u>Matthew 14:13, 22-33</u>

¹³Now when Jesus heard about John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself...

²²Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." And He said, "Come!" And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately, Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat the wind stopped. And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

• <u>Daniel 4:35</u>

"...He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?""

Other Scriptures

- Acts 1: 1-19
- Psalm 37:24

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Main Points

- The 'fourth watch' is from 3 a.m.-- 6 a.m.
- We have to be willing to recognize God when He comes to us in ways that are outside of our boxes.
- "Seize My word and don't let anything else in."
- When you seize God's word, supernatural things will happen in your life!
- Father is patient with us as we grow on our journey with Him.
- The remedy to fear is faith in God's word.
- The Lord has assigned us to be overcomers.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Take a minute to think of how Jesus speaks and moves in you. Are you locked into any ways of thinking about God, which keeps you away from hearing from Him in other ways? Ask God to begin to reveal such things in your thinking and begin to watch for Him to answer. Ask God to make your spirit sensitive to His Spirit's moving, being careful to confirm in His Word what you are learning.
- 2. The Word of God is the lifeline to living in God's will. What have you been seizing hold of from His Word recently? If you have never done this in practice before why not begin now to seize hold of His Word. Keep a written record of them and what happens. Doubting His Word brings fear. Are there fears that you can specifically trace back to your doubts? This is a good place to start seizing His Word for deliverance from these fears.

3. Consider the boat in which you are "sitting" (figuratively) today. Have you asked Jesus to climb in your boat and help you with the storms which surround you today? Eject doubts and recognize Jesus as Master over all storms. Write about this.