

Stories From the Sea of Galilee: When God's Instructions Don't Make Sense



Scripture

- **Luke 5:4-8**

When he had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets." When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

- **John 6:15-21**

So, Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone. Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." So, they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Other Scriptures

- 2 Kings 5:10-14
- Ephesians 3:20
- Colossians 3:3
- Ephesians 2:6
- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Exodus 33:15

- Luke 6:27
- John 11:25
- I John 5:4
- John 8:36

Main Points

- As we grow in faith the Lord will give us instructions to do things that don't make sense in the natural.
- Satisfaction comes from what God will do in our souls when we obey Him.
- Psalm 9:1-2; El Elyon is Hebrew for "God Most High"
- When we take bad thoughts and subject them to the law of Christ, we are in the spirit world, walking on water.
- Hebrew word Devakut means Cleaving (to God) in English.
- To Him Who Overcomes
 - Revelation 2:7...**I will grant to eat of the tree of life.**
 - Revelation 2:11...**will not be hurt by the second death.**
 - Revelation 2;17...**a new name which no one knows.**
 - Revelation 2:26...**I will give authority over the nations.**
 - Revelation 3:5...**will thus be clothed in white garments.**
 - Revelation 3: 12...**I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God.**
 - Revelation 3:21...**I will grant to him to sit down with me on My throne.**
- We have to overcome in the thought realm.

Questions

1. What should be our response when God instructs something that makes no sense to us? What example of this did Rabbi share from the Old Testament?
2. How was Peter also an example of this principle: What did Jesus ask him to do and what was the result of his obedience to Jesus' instructions?
3. Obedience brings...?
4. Where is the real battleground of your spiritual life lived? What are things you battle? Walking on the water in the Spirit is really taking your thinking _____?
5. Have you embraced the concept of life as a battle? How will you now live?