

Where Is Your Faith?

Luke 8:22-40 We have had the opportunity to cross the Sea of Galilee many times. Our guide usually points out the fact that storms can come up quite suddenly on the sea because of the Golan Heights that surround the sea. Jesus was peacefully sleeping through the storm while His disciples were frantically bailing water out of the boat. Jesus rebuked the wind and the raging waters and suddenly all was calm. Then Jesus asked them, "Where is your faith?"

I think of the many times in my life when Jesus probably asked, "Where is her faith?" Faith is the evidence of things not seen and the substance of things hoped for. The disciples in the boat were afraid, and this killed their faith. Whenever we let fear overwhelm us, our faith goes out the window. Note that I said that our faith goes out the window. There is another faith that will never leave us, and this is the faith we need to tap into when fear is overwhelming us. This faith is the faith of Jesus Christ. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20, KJV).

What a comfort to know I have a deeper level of faith that resides in me—the very faith of Jesus Christ. On that stormy day on the Sea of Galilee, the disciples had Jesus in the flesh with them. Now we have Jesus in the spirit with us, and He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. Jesus now can travel with us through every storm of life, and His faith within us enables us to say, "Peace, be still," to the raging waves of trials and tribulations we encounter.

Where is your faith? You have the very faith of the Son of God indwelling you. With that kind of faith, you can move mountains and calm every storm.

Thank You, Lord, for indwelling me with Your faith. When my own faith fails, I can tap into Your faith. I believe; help Thou my unbelief.

**READ: Deuteronomy 11:1-12:32; Luke 8:22-40; Psalm 70:1-5;
Proverbs 12:4**