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**We’re All In The Same Boat**

Mark 4:37-39 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. (38) And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? (39) And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (KJV)

Keep in mind Church that all those that are in Christ shall suffer persecution. The enemy of the Lord, who is referred to as antichrist, has many winds of false doctrine blowing around trying to sink many of God’s people in destruction and ruin. If you notice, the word of God was put on the scene, and immediately it brought a peace and calm to the situation. Imagine your life if you were as quick to put a word of faith out there first, before words of fear and doubt? How much more smooth sailing would you see in your walk with the Lord?

Hebrews 5:11-13 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. (12) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. (13) For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (KJV)

Now folks the truth is, the disciples if they had been watching would have seen the storm approaching. So instead of letting the winds build up (you know like we do when we entertain winds of false doctrine rather than casting them down), had they kept their senses exercised, they could have avoided the heartache and misery that they went through. You too as a Christian, need to learn to rely on your Spiritual senses so that when a storm is brewing and trying to sink your ship you will be ready with the word of God so that you can keep the peace and calm in your walk.

Ephesians 4:14-16 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; (15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (16) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (KJV)

Hey, did the Lord have a destination for you today, and the enemy came along and tried to rock your boat a bit? You know, children will cry and fuss when things don’t go their way, and their first reaction is usually one of panic. However, as one grows and matures in Christ they realize that their solution is much bigger and greater than the problem, thus why they allow the peace of God to rule and not the outward circumstances. Are you getting to the place that our Lord would have you to be in today, or are you getting water logged and bogged down with a bunch of false doctrine and imaginations that lead to fear and not faith?

Mark 4:40-41 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? (41) And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? (KJV)

You know, obviously the disciples didn’t realize who was riding along in their boat, and what He was able to accomplish. Many of God’s people limit God in their lives, and instead of casting all of their care upon Him they rob the Lord of the opportunity to work on their behalf, and then wonder why they are not moving forward and getting the results that God intended for them.

Ephesians 3:19-20 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. (20) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, (KJV)

But you don’t know what I am going through, it just seems overwhelming and impossible! Well, those are just the waters that our Lord operates in and is able to navigate through, and get your ship to shore if you allow Him in. So Church in conclusion, let’s wake up from our own spiritual stupor, exercise your Spiritual senses seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then all that is needed to keep your ship afloat is added.