

Luke 8:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

Analysis

After Jesus calms the storm, He asks: 'Where is your faith?' The disciples had called on Jesus ('Master, master, we perish,' v. 24), showing some faith, but their panic revealed weak faith. Jesus' question challenges them—they had the Master of wind and waves in their boat; what did they have to fear? True faith trusts God's presence and power even in terrifying circumstances. The disciples' fear despite Jesus' presence shows the common struggle between intellectual knowledge (Jesus is with us) and experiential trust (therefore we're safe). Faith grows through testing.

Historical Context

The Sea of Galilee, surrounded by hills, experiences sudden, violent storms as cold air rushes down from heights. Experienced fishermen (Peter, James, John) fearing a storm indicates genuine danger—this wasn't novice panic. Jesus' sleeping during the storm (v. 23) demonstrated perfect peace and trust in the Father. His calming the storm with a word ('Peace, be still,' Mark 4:39) demonstrated divine authority over nature—only God controls wind and waves (Psalm 107:23-30). The disciples' question 'What manner of man is this? for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him' (v. 25) shows dawning awareness of Jesus' divine identity.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' question 'Where is your faith?' teach about trusting God's presence and power even in frightening circumstances?
2. How does Jesus' authority over nature reveal His divine identity and build faith?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν δὲ αὐτῷ Ποῦ ἐστὶν ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν
he said And him Where is faith your
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φοβηθέντες δὲ ἐθαύμασαν λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους
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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 30:4 (Parallel theme): Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Matthew 8:26 (Faith): And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Matthew 14:31 (Faith): And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Proverbs 8:29 (Parallel theme): When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Matthew 17:20 (Faith): And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

John 11:40 (Faith): Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Luke 12:28 (Faith): If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Matthew 6:30 (Faith): Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?