

FAITH + HOPE + LOVE



As Christians living long after the time that Jesus walked the earth in the flesh, we now walk by faith and not by sight. But what does that actually mean? Let's explore one experience Jesus used to teach his disciples, that applies just as powerfully to us today.

Read: Luke 8:22-25

What do we see Jesus doing early on in this passage? Why is this surprising?

What does this show us regarding Jesus' authority?

What do we see in the disciples regarding their faith, and their understanding of who Jesus is?

What is Jesus teaching his disciples through both his words and his behavior?

What appeared to bother Jesus the most in this passage?

What appeared to cause the most fear in the disciples?

How do we see both the fullness of Jesus' humanity, as well as the fullness of his divinity?

What do you see of yourself in the disciples' reactions?

What did the disciples miss in the very beginning of this passage? What were Jesus' words to His disciples in verse 22?

We know that if the Lord says something, it is going to happen. We can trust in His faithfulness and in His promises. Jesus told the disciples they were going to the other side of the lake, but the disciples let their circumstances distract them from what Jesus actually said to them. Regardless of what came up in between, even the mightiest of storms, Jesus was faithful to his word, and they got to the other side of the lake.

Take it deeper:

What promises of God do you find it difficult to maintain focus on when your circumstances get rough, and the waves of grief, pain, anger, depression, fear, or anxiety threaten to overwhelm you?

What would help encourage your faith in those moments?

Read: Romans 8:28; Philippians 1:4-6; James 1:12; John 14:1-4

What promises of God fill you with hope when you need Him to sustain you and remind you of what is true, what you can count on, and why what you do matters? Share those verses with someone to encourage them this week!

Build your faith:

Take one verse a week from the four above and commit each one to memory. God is faithful to use His word to fill us, sustain us, strengthen us, and encourage us when we hide it in our hearts!

Prayer:

Father, thank you for being holy, trustworthy, powerful, and yet, so loving. Thank you that we can put our hope and faith in you, and fully rely on your promises. Help us to keep your words in mind as we persevere through all circumstances in our life, knowing that what you say will come to pass. Help us keep our focus on you. Amen.