

Fear and Faith

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening came, He *said to them, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd, they *took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. ³⁷ And there *arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.

Jesus and his followers were facing a legitimate and growing threat.

³⁸ Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they *woke Him and *said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

Jesus was asleep in the midst of the growing threat.

The disciples, who did not have the perspective that Jesus had, became frantic in the face of the threat.

Jesus is never frantic!

If Jesus is never frantic, and Jesus is getting His way in me, I should never be frantic!

³⁹ And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

Jesus rebuked the threat, and the threat ceased to exist and was a threat no more!

⁴⁰ And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Jesus rebuked the disciples who became fear to keep them from entering His rest.

⁴¹ They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

Jesus restored the Fear of God in their hearts, saved their lives, and brought them safely to shore.

We have to remember that God is supernatural by nature! God is Spirit.....

What is impossible with man is possible with God.

How will human history remember COVID-19?

As the greatest upset to the world economy, world health, to politics, to business, etc. to date in the 21th century.

How will the church remember COVID-19 through the eyes of redemptive history?

As the worst pandemic of the early 21st century that God ever redeemed for His glory!