

Jesus walks on the sea – John 6 v 16 -21

Living the Christian Life = Faith in Jesus

How do we live our lives?

- Practicing religion
- **FAITH IN JESUS. Person of Jesus**

Our Christian journey starts with faith in Jesus:

- Putting our Faith in Jesus & His Gospel message saves us
- Do we still live in this place?
- Depend, trust, confidence & faith - in Him alone.

Matthew 14 v 22 – 33 & Romans 4

Word: Do you believe?

- Call you to faith & deeper level of faith. Belief again. Put your faith in Jesus. New level of faith in Jesus

HOW DOES FAITH IN JESUS LOOK PRACTICALLY?

Hebrews 11

- Chapter about faith
- Names the heroes of our faith.

Hebrews 11 v 1 – description of faith: Now faith is the **substance of things hoped for**, the **evidence of things not seen**.

Hebrews 11 v 7: But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- Not that easy to understand & explain
- Practically, how does faith look?

Romans 4: ABRAHAM AS AN PRACTICAL EXAMPLE OF FAITH

Romans 4 v 17 – How Abraham received his promise: (Abraham) **believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;**¹⁸ who, **contrary to hope, in hope believed**, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”¹⁹ And **not being weak in faith, he did not consider** his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb.²⁰ He **did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief**, but was **strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,**²¹ and being **fully convinced**

that what He (God) had promised He (God) was also able to perform. ²² And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

1) WHEN THERE WAS NO HOPE, ABRAHAM KEPT BELIEVING IN GOD

Matthew 9 v 20 – woman blood: And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹ For she said to herself, “**If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.**” ²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; **your faith has made you well.**” And the woman was made well from that hour.

2) ABRAHAM DID NOT LOOK AT THE NATURAL

Paul - Walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5 v 7)

3) ABRAHAM HELD ONTO GOD’S PROMISES

Isaiah 55 v 10: “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,
¹¹ So shall **My word** be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,

But **it shall accomplish** what I please,
And it shall prosper *in **the thing for which I sent it.***

4) ABRAHAM GAVE NO PLACE FOR UNBELIEF

Hebrews 3 v 19 – Israelites who received the promise did not enter the promised land because of **unbelief**. Only Joshua and Caleb entered (Numbers 14 v 30).

- 2 out of 1,5million people received the promise

Matthew 13 v 58 – Jesus in His hometown Nazareth: Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their **unbelief**.

5) ABRAHAM PRAISED GOD

Acts 16 v 25 - Paul & Silas in prison: But at midnight Paul and Silas were **praying and singing hymns to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the **doors were opened** and everyone’s **chains were loosed**.

6) ABRAHAM FULLY TRUSTED THAT GOD WAS CAPABLE TO DO WHAT HE SAID

Matthew 9 v 28 - Jesus speaking to the two blind men: “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, “**According to your faith** let it be to you.”

WE GO THROUGH STUFF - LIFE

Matthew 14 v 22 – 33:

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ **But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.** ²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night **Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.** ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.

- Middle of the sea, Middle of the night - Storm – headwind, big waves

Life is real: struggles, hardship, loss, sickness, death, poverty, lack, broken relationships, heartache, pain

How do we respond to the challenges of life?

1. Look to others, look to ourselves - make plans, give up.
2. Put faith in the Lord Jesus

(Romans 1 v 17) The righteous shall live by faith. How do we live with faith in Jesus as we go through life?

FAITH ROOTED IN SOMEONE = JESUS

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “**Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.**”

- It is I = Literally means – “I AM” – God’s own name.
- God reveals Himself to Moses at the burning bush with this name:

Exodus 3 v 7 – Moses at the burning Bush: And the LORD said: “I have surely **seen the oppression** of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have **heard their cry** because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. ⁸ So I have come down to **deliver them** out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey,....

Exodus 3 v 13 – Moses ask God who He shall say send him: ...what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.**” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”

- Jesus says - “I am God, do not fear, I will deliver you”
- Almighty, all-powerful, nothing is impossible for Me
- CAPABLE, ABLE, WILLING

LISTEN AND OBEDIENCE TO JESUS

²⁸ And **Peter** answered Him and said, “**Lord, if it is You**, command me to come to You on the water.” ²⁹ So He said, “**Come.**” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

- Peter puts his trust in Jesus
- Peter walks on the words of Jesus

OBEDIENCE = act of putting your foot out of the boat

FAITH = trusting Jesus that the water will hold your weight

SUPERNATURAL MIRACLES, BREAKTHROUGH, PROVISION = walking on the water.

- Supernatural cannot happen without Obedience & Faith

2 Kings 5: Elisha sends Naaman (Leper) to go wash 7 times in the Jordan river. He eventually obeyed, did what was commanded, received his healing.

PETER LOOKED AT THE STORM - IT IS OK

³⁰ But when he **saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”** ³¹ And **immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him**, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

- Real life happen. We look t the waves & wind
- It is OK.
- Jesus immediately saved Peter. He did not drown.

Hebrews 12 v 1: Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight**, and the **sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us **run with endurance the race that is set before us**, ² **looking unto Jesus**, the **author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Put our eyes back on Jesus

³³ Then **those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him**, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

- There were others in the boat who did not get out.
 - Get out of the boat. Put your faith in Jesus
 - Better to be a **Wet water-walker**, than a **dry boat sitter**
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