



# **“BELIEF OR FAITH?”**

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## John 6:16-18

<sup>16</sup> Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,  
<sup>17</sup> got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. <sup>18</sup> Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing.



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### **John 6:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. <sup>20</sup> But He said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.”



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## John 6:21

Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

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**Belief**





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## **James 2:19**

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!



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## Belief or Faith?

Belief

Faith – *belief in action*

## **James 2:20-22**

<sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?



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## **James 2:23**

And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.



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**True Faith is Tested by God**



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## Mark 6:45

Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away.





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## **True Faith is Tested by God**

Challenge to faith: is God in this?

**Crisis of faith: storms come**



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## John 6:18

Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing.

## Matthew 7:24-25

24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

## **Matthew 7:26-27**

26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”



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## **True Faith is Tested by God**

Challenge to faith: is God in this?

Crisis of faith: storms come

**Choice: fear or faith**



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## **John 6:19**

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## **Psalm 27:1**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?



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**True Faith is Dependent upon God**





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**True Faith is Dependent upon God**

**Command: do not fear**



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## John 6:20

But He said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.”



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### **Isaiah 43:1**

But now, thus says the LORD,  
who created you, O Jacob,  
And He who formed you, O  
Israel: “Fear not, for I have  
redeemed you; I have called  
you by your name; You are  
Mine.

## Isaiah 43:2-3a

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. <sup>3a</sup> For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; ...



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**True Faith is Dependent upon God**

**Command: do not fear**

**Choice: receive help or not**



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## **John 6:21**

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## Mark 6:52

For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.



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**True faith will bring you  
through the storms of life!**