

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

4.28.2024

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Jesus Mighty Power

## Matthew 14: 22 – 36

Why is it, that often time Christ will ask us to do that which is seemingly impossible. God knows all things; therefore, he knows the events, situations, and circumstances that will arise in our lives, those times that we will feel helpless because of worldly fear. For this reason, he sends us forth into the unknown, not that we might fail, but that he might prepare us for things to come. God knows that for many believers, the only way that we can truly recognize him as the Son of God is that when we are at our weakest, it is then that we begin to call upon him to deliver us.

**2 Corinthians 12: 9**,....my grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness....

When we are weak, and we begin to look unto God, so as to depend upon him for our strength in time of need. It is then that we realize the completeness of his power, for he is a God who is able to fully accomplish his purpose in our life. We can only allow Gods strength to be made perfect in our time of weaknesses, if we stop complaining and resisting the leadership and guidance of his Holy Spirit, so that his power might rest upon us. Often time, it is Gods denial of our requests that turns out to be the greatest blessings in our life, for it brings us to realize that what we lack in the ability to do things on our own, gives unto us strength in Christ through our growing faith.

**Isaiah 40: 29,....**he giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength....

When we find ourselves in a position of need, it allows us to see just how much we need God. The more aware we become of our weaknesses, the more that God can reveal his power through us. Gods' strength can only be made perfect through our weaknesses, if we put our complete faith and trust in him.

**Psalms 73: 26,....**my flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart forever....

When life seems unfair, and our faith begins to waiver, it is then that we start asking ourselves, why does God allow seemingly bad things to happen to us? It is only when we begin to seek God and see the unchangeable nature of his faithfulness toward us, that we begin to understand that our wavering faith is due to our own misunderstandings, which is based upon the fleeting moments of time when we are not standing firm and secure in the unshakable promises of God's word. When we begin to reflect upon the bigger picture of Gods eternal perspective, then will we begin to understand that the sufferings of this present life are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed unto us.

**Romans 8: 18,....**for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us....

**Matthew 14: 22 – 27,....**Jesus constrained his disciples....to go before him unto the other side....and....he went up into a mountain....to pray....the ship....now in the midst of the seas, tossed with waves....in the....night Jesus went unto them walking on the sea....when the disciples saw....they were troubled....and cried out for fear....but....Jesus spake unto them, saying, be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid....

For everything that Christ does, or allows to happen in our life, and in the lives of those around us, he has a specific reason or purpose. Therefore, he is very much aware of every circumstance and situation that is happening in our life. Despite how we react to the outcome of the things that are happening in our life, whether we recognize it or not, Christ is protecting us. So, in the midst, of all of our emotional, worldly fear, if we will listen to God as he speaks unto us through his word, he will reassure us that there is no need for worldly fear in our life.

**Romans 10: 17**,....so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God....

**Luke 11: 28**,....he said, yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it....

As believers, even though we may read Gods word, not always do we listen to God through his word. We do not always hear God due to the unrelentless noise of the world. Christ knows all that can ever affect a man's life. He knows every possible situation that any one person or persons could ever find in his life. Christ knows the dangers that lay await for us in our life in him, and he knows what is necessary for our spiritual growth, he knows the importance of that which is needful in our life above all else. When Christ sends us forth, it is because he has a purpose in mind for our life, and he also knows that the way will not be easy, but he has given himself unto us through his word, for it is profitable for salvation, for sanctification, for spiritual growth, and for instruction in righteousness, so that we might not be afraid. A life that is lived without time spent in study, and meditating upon Gods written word is a wasted life, no matter what we see our achievements to be.

**2 Timothy 3: 16 – 17**,....all scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness....

**Matthew 14: 28 – 31**,....and Peter....said....Lord....bid me come unto thee on the water....Peter....walked on the water, to go to Jesus....when he saw the wind....he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried....Lord save me....immediately Jesus....caught him, and said....O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt....

That which God commands for us to do will never be left undone due to a lack of ability which he has given, but it will only falter when our faith does not endure due to the grip of worldly fear on our life. Because, as soon as our affection is turned away from God and onto the circumstances of the world around us, it is our faith which often time falters, and we begin to become overwhelmed with the troubles of the world, worldliness, which God has so graciously given unto us his strength and his ability to overcome. Thankfully, we have the Holy Spirit within us to encourage us, through the obedience of Gods word, to cry out to God, who is always waiting and willing to pull us back into the restoration of the righteousness of Christ.

**Romans 1: 17,....**for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith....

**Matthew 14: 32 – 36,....**when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased....they....worshipped him, saying, of a truth thou art the Son of God....when the men of that place had knowledge of him they sent out into all the country....and besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment, and as many as touched were made perfectly whole....

No matter the circumstance in our life we should always stay focused upon God. It is when we learn to put our complete trust in God, that we will learn to acknowledge him as God. By acknowledging that God is the only true reckoning in our life, it is then that we will begin to use his God given abilities, which he has instilled within us, to lead those who are sinfully sick in this world to seek after Christ, and as many as will believe upon his name, will be made perfectly whole.

**2 Peter 3: 9,....**the Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance....

Let us Pray.

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