

A Walk of Faith

“Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works”, James 2:18.

Consider for a minute the passage from Matthew 14:25-31. Jesus had sent His disciples ahead of him, that they, by their own physical strength should cross the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus Himself went up a mountain for a time of fellowship with His Father, AND THEN WALKED ON THE STORMY WATERS TO REACH HIS DISCIPLES.

To fellowship daily with our Heavenly Father on a ‘My mouth is in contact with His Ear basis’, is a guaranty to receiving a further daily supply of faith.

Thus Peter’s ear heard the command ‘Come’, and his faith in the Person from whose mouth the command had been uttered, stepped out of the boat and began to walk on water.

Some four thousand years before James wrote the words of our Scripture text, “Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works”, the Holy Spirit had proved it was possible to walk on water, “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters”, Genesis 1:2.

Thus Jesus, as the Word of God, would have been a witness to that event.

Our Lord’s Faith gave Him the strength to walk across the waters to His Disciples, without His faith being diluted by the turbulent waters.

We also learn from the passage taken from Matthew (Matthew 14:25-31), that the way we act and live is the picture we present when we claim to be

believers in God, and the power He places in our lives.

All 'true Christians' are travellers attempting to travel between one planet - earth, and another - Heaven.

Whilst 'non-Christians' will walk by what they can see, and are happy to stay where they have always been, the true Christians keep moving forward, with an expectancy of finding greater treasures in the life they are living.

Thus what was Peter's reason for asking the Lord to call him if it really was the Lord walking on water. There are two major reasons,

1. Peter was displaying some doubts by using the word 'IF',
2. Peter wanted to get as close as possible to the Lord because of the storm.

The other disciples in the boat appear to have taken the view,

3. Jesus is the Son of God, so what was to stop Him from walking on water?
4. Peter, you know that thousands have died in these storms, for you it has to be sink or swim!
5. We will just stay in the boat, and hope to get to the other side as soon as possible!

God allows the storms of life to come upon us, He wants to see how we will react.

Many who go to Church claim that they have a strong faith. Yet I have seen many of these people in both Churches and Home Groups just sitting in their seats, and never moving closer to God.

The greatest walk we can make every day is by walking through God's Word, and is the only walk that will enable you to walk above the storms of life.

The impossible becomes the possible when you accept, and believe God's

Words of encouragement.