

## Are You Above Or Below the Surface

“And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid”, Matthew 14:25-27.

All Christians will be confronted by the storms of life. It will be how you confront those storms that will demonstrate your faith.

At times, Satan will be there, whispering in you spiritual ear, “Where is Jesus now?”

It is at those times that the little, and very often shaky voice inside us needs to remind us that Jesus walked above - not below - the storm as He approached His disciples in the boat.

A much greater lifeboat was approaching them than the boat they were desperately trying to use to get across the sea.

Jesus was demonstrating that if He could walk on top of the turbulent waters, then they, as His disciples could do the same.

Jesus, therefore, was looking towards our future, not our past. He got rid of the past when we repented, and His view since then has been what we can do to honour His Father’s Name in our daily living

The following illustrates the actions of so many ‘christians’. A Boy Scout arrived late for a scout meeting.

When the Scoutmaster questioned him about arriving late, he answered “I was doing my good deed for the day, I was helping an old lady across the street”.

The Scoutmaster replied “Why would that take so long?”

The boy replied, “She didn’t want to cross the street!”

It is often ‘Any excuse will do!’

Jesus wanted the disciples to stand on their own two feet, not regard Him as a surfboard to get them through the storm.

Before Jesus got to His Disciples, He was upon a mountain, and talking to His Father.

Some years ago, I was asked, “When Jesus prayed, what did He pray for?”

I believe that Jesus was praying that the disciples in the boat would become over comers of Satan’ s attack upon them.

At other times, I believe that Jesus, as He looked down the ages, would have been praying that His Disciples of to day would exit from under the circumstances, surface above the circumstances.

As I close, let us move from a small oar powered boat in the middle of a small sea to a large boat in the Atlantic.

The Titanic was designed by man. The Titanic was built by man. The Titanic was crewed by man. The Titanic was inhabited by man.

When the Titanic met with one of God’ s natural and immovable objects, it was discovered that man had not installed sufficient lifeboats to avert the deaths of many men.

As the world moves to the sea of anarchy and murder, there is but one lifeboat that is sufficient to accommodate all men who wish to be saved, - Jesus.

To board that lifeboat there is but one credential that will allow you to board - BEING A SERVANT HONOURING THE FATHER.

Remember, when you are in an area of peril, Jesus will be on His knees praying for you, and He is the Captain of the lifeboat ‘Eternal Life’ .