

YPG III

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Theme: Discipleship

Title: The Need to Check Our Faith

Text: Mark 4: 35 – 41

THE PROBLEM OF ASSUMING FAITH

1. Sometimes we assume we have faith
 - a. Because we attend Bible classes
 - b. Because we are actively involved in church
2. It is dangerous to assume faith!
 - a. What if we are found to have no faith at the end of life's day? (cf. Matthew 7: 21 – 23)
 - b. What if our lack of faith hinders us in ministry? (cf. Mark 9)
3. Example: The disciples of the Lord Jesus
 - a. They had left all to follow the Lord Jesus
 - b. They had been with Him
 - c. They had seen and learnt much
 - d. Yet, they did not have much faith

A TEST OF FAITH FOR THE DISCIPLES

1. A great windstorm arose (Mark 4: 37)
 - a. Unexpected
 - b. Overwhelming (they could not cope)
 - c. Life-threatening
2. Instinctive reaction...Fear (Cowardice) (Mark 4: 40)
 - a. It was a part of them
 - b. It showed itself when they were tested
3. Other related reactions

- a. Accusing the Lord Jesus (Mark 4: 38)
 - b. Only looking out for self
4. This test reveals the state of the disciples' faith
- a. Little faith (cf. Matthew 8: 26)
 - b. No faith (Mark 4: 40)
 - c. Their faith was not commensurate to the test

CHECK YOUR FAITH

1. How we may check
 - a. What are the storms of your life?
 - b. How did you face them?
2. Evaluate the state of your faith
3. Be determined to cultivate faith