

## **YPG III**

**05 October 2019**

Theme: Discipleship

Text: Luke 8: 22 – 25; Mark 4: 35 – 41; Mark 6: 45 – 52

Title: "A Test of Faith"

### **A TEST OF FAITH**

1. The kind of test
  - a. Surprise test
  - b. Challenging test
    - i. Some of the disciples were fishermen
    - ii. But this challenge tested them beyond what they could handle
2. Reasons for allowing for a test of faith
  - a. Affirm strengths
  - b. Uncover weaknesses

### **RESULTS OF THE TEST OF FAITH**

1. Fear (Luke 8: 24)
2. No faith (little faith) (Luke 8: 25, Mark 4: 40)
3. Deeper underlying reason: Hardness of heart
  - a. A second test in Mark 6: 45 – 52  
Similar results
  - b. Problems revealed (Mark 6: 52)
    - i. "They had not understood"
    - ii. "Because their heart was hardened"
  - c. Meaning
    - i. It has been hardened from the beginning
    - ii. It remains hardened (perfect tense)

### **ENCOURAGEMENT TO DEAL WITH A HARDENED HEART**

1. Recognise the problem
  - a. You can appear to be following
  - b. Yet you may not be learning much
2. Return
  - a. To God

- b. To His Word

- 3. Revival

- a. Coming alive to God

- b. Coming alive to His Word