

JESUS POWER OVER NATURE MATT 8:23-27 5/23/18

JESUS DISCIPLES CONTINUE TO BE AMAZED AT HIS AUTHORITY HE HAS REVEALED HIS AUTHORITY IN HIS TEACHING AND IN HIS POWER OVER DISEASE NOW HE WILL REVEAL HIS POWER OVER NATURE AND HIS DISCIPLES CONTINUE TO BE AMAZED

REMEMBER IN VERSE 18 JESUS SEES THE CROWD AROUND HIM AND HE GIVES ORDERS TO DEPART TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA AND AFTER SPEAKING TO TWO WOULD BE DISCIPLES

V23 WHEN JESUS GETS INTO THE BOAT HIS DISCIPLES FOLLOW HIM THEY OBEYED HIS WORD THEY GOT THE BOAT AND THEN GOT IN THE BOAT WITH JESUS THEY WERE WILLING TO FOLLOW HIM WHEREVER HE WENT

V24 AS THEY WERE CROSSING THE SEA THERE AROSE A GREAT STORM SO THAT THE BOAT THEY WERE IN WAS COVERED WITH WATER AND JESUS WAS ASLEEP IN THE BOAT

HIS DISCIPLES WERE EXPERIENCED FISHERMAN AND HAD CROSSED THE SEA MANY TIMES EVEN IN A STORM BUT THIS STORM WAS MORE THAN THEY COULD HANDLE THE BOAT WAS SINKING

V25 SO THEY COME TO JESUS AND WAKE HIM UP SAYING TO HIM SAVE US LORD WE ARE PERISHING THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE ABOUT TO DROWN

V26 JESUS SAYS TO THEM WHY ARE YOU AFRAID YOU MEN OF LITTLE FAITH THEN HE GO UP AND REBUKED THE WINDS AND THE SEA AND IT BECAME PERFECTLY CALM JESUS REVEALS TO THEM HIS POWER OVER NATURE HE CREATED THE UNIVERSE CALMING A STORM IS NO PROBLEM JESUS IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING

V27 HIS DISCIPLES WERE AMAZED AT THE AUTHORITY THAT JESUS HAD THAT EVEN THE WINDS AND THE WAVES OBEY HIM AND THEY SAY WHAT KIND OF MAN IS THIS THE ANSWER IS THAT HE IS THE GOD MAN

JESUS HAS REVEALED HIS POWER TO HIS DISCIPLES THEY HAD LITTLE IDEA WHO THEY WERE FOLLOWING THEIR FAITH WAS SMALL BUT THEY WERE FOLLOWING AND HAD ACTUALLY LEFT THEIR HOUSES FAMILY LAND AND OCCUPATIONS TO FOLLOW JESUS

THE DISCIPLES HAD MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT WHAT BEING A DISCIPLE MEANT BUT THEY HAD HEARD JESUS CALL AND TRUSTED HIM WITH THEIR LIVES THEY HAD PASSED THROUGH THE SMALL GATE AND WERE ON THE NARROW PATH THAT LEADS TO LIFE WITH CHRIST JESUS

THEY MAY HAVE HAD WEAK FAITH BUT IT WAS GROWING STRONGER THEY DID TURN TO JESUS IN THEIR TRIAL THE PROBLEM WAS THEIR FEAR OF DYING WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT JESUS WOULD CARE FOR THEM AND PRESERVE THEM EVEN FROM THE STORM

IF JESUS IS IN YOUR STORM YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU HE IS STILL IN CONTROL EVEN IN THE STORMS

JESUS WAS TEACHING HIS DISCIPLES THAT THEY WERE NOT ALONE HE HAD ALLOWED THE STORM TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FAITH IN HIM IN HIS POWER OVER HIS CREATION

HAS GOD ALLOWED A TRIAL IN YOUR LIFE REMEMBER HE HAS NOT LEFT YOU TO YOURSELF HE WANTS YOUR FAITH IN HIM TO GROW ARE YOU TRUSTING IN HIM FOR YOUR GOOD AND HIS GLORY

THE TRIALS THAT GOD HAS ALLOWED IN OUR LIVES IS FOR OUR GOOD AND HIS GLORY IT'S TRUSTING HIM IN THE TRIAL THAT GIVES HIM THE GLORY HE DESERVES NOTHING IS OUT OF HIS CONTROL

GOD USES TRUTH AND TRIALS TO GROW US UP IN OUR FAITH JAMES 1:2-4