

Written in Red - Week 6

Sink and Die or Make It to the Other Side

Matthew 14:22-25 (NKJV) Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

Being in the middle of God's will might mean being in the middle of a storm.

Just because you're in the middle of a storm doesn't mean you're meant to sink.

1 Peter 4:12 (NKJV) Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

Matthew 14:25-29 (NKJV) Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

Peter had to step away from what was familiar and safe, what he had always thought was possible and step into a new realm of possibilities, over into what God knew was possible.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (BSB) But the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Natural thinking limits us and pulls us away from supernatural possibilities.

Without the power of the Word of God, natural possibilities become our only possibilities.

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV) "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

God doesn't want to make your impossible situation bearable, He wants to make it a miracle.

If we want to have a water walking experience, we've got to be willing to step out of the boat.

When you think of your situation, your storm, what do you think?

If we want supernatural results, we must be willing to think supernatural thoughts.

If we won't allow ourselves to think it, there's no way we will ever experience it.

When you see yourself in your storm do you think sink and die or make it to the other side?

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And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

A response motivated by fear of the worst possible outcome, is a sign of natural thinking.

Natural thinking: “We’re going to sink and die!”

A response motivated by faith in the Word of God is a sign of supernatural thinking.

Supernatural thinking: “We’re going to make it to the other side.”

Natural thinking trusts only what it can SEE.

Supernatural thinking trusts what the Word of God SAYS.

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Natural thinking wants to SEE how it will work.

Supernatural thinking just needs to HEAR the Word.

Just because you can’t SEE a way through doesn’t mean that there isn’t one.

Just because you don’t know HOW it will work doesn’t mean it won’t.

In the storm, we must ask ourselves, “Am I trusting the boat, or am I trusting the Word of God?”

Am I trusting in what I can SEE or am I trusting what He SAID?

The Word unlocks a new realm of possibilities you never knew were possible.

The Word unlocks new ways you never could have dreamed of.

There is a story about our life constantly running in our minds.

Since there are unknowns about our future, some of the sentences in our story have blanks.

Natural thinking fills in the blanks of our future with the worst possible outcome.

2 Corinthians 4:4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Word of God. They don’t understand the message about the glory and power of Christ.

Minds are blinded by thoughts—and these thoughts are pressing upon us all day every day.

Isaiah 59:19 (NKJV) The enemy comes in like a flood—this flood of thoughts is designed to fill every unknown outcome and every blank space in the story we tell ourselves about our future with the worst possible outcome.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.