

Written in Red - Week 7

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.

Being sent doesn't mean there won't be a storm.

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

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;

John 16:33 (NKJV) "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Jesus doesn't send you to sink 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.

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

The storms of life DO NOT have the authority to determine the OUTCOME of our life.

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.

Natural thinking limits the power of the Word of God

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

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

Step away from what we have always thought was possible.

Step into a new realm of possibilities, over into what God thinks is possible.

Man-made solutions are based on limited information about the situation.

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

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

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The natural man only knows about scissors—it's all he has ever been taught.

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.

In every situation, there comes a point where we must make a choice:

Do I trust what I've always known, or do I trust what God has said.

To trust what God said you have take a step—put God's Word in action.

James 2:19, 26 (NKJV) 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 1:22 (NKJV) 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

REMEMBER:

There are greater possibilities available (even though you can see them).

The Word of God give us access to those possibilities (supernatural thinking).

Action brings the Word of God to life in our lives; impossibilities become possible when we act.