

WITH **FAITH**
THE SIZE OF

A
MUSTARD
SEED

When a Little Dab Won't Do -pt3

NOTHING IS
IMPOSSIBLE

Matthew 8:23-27

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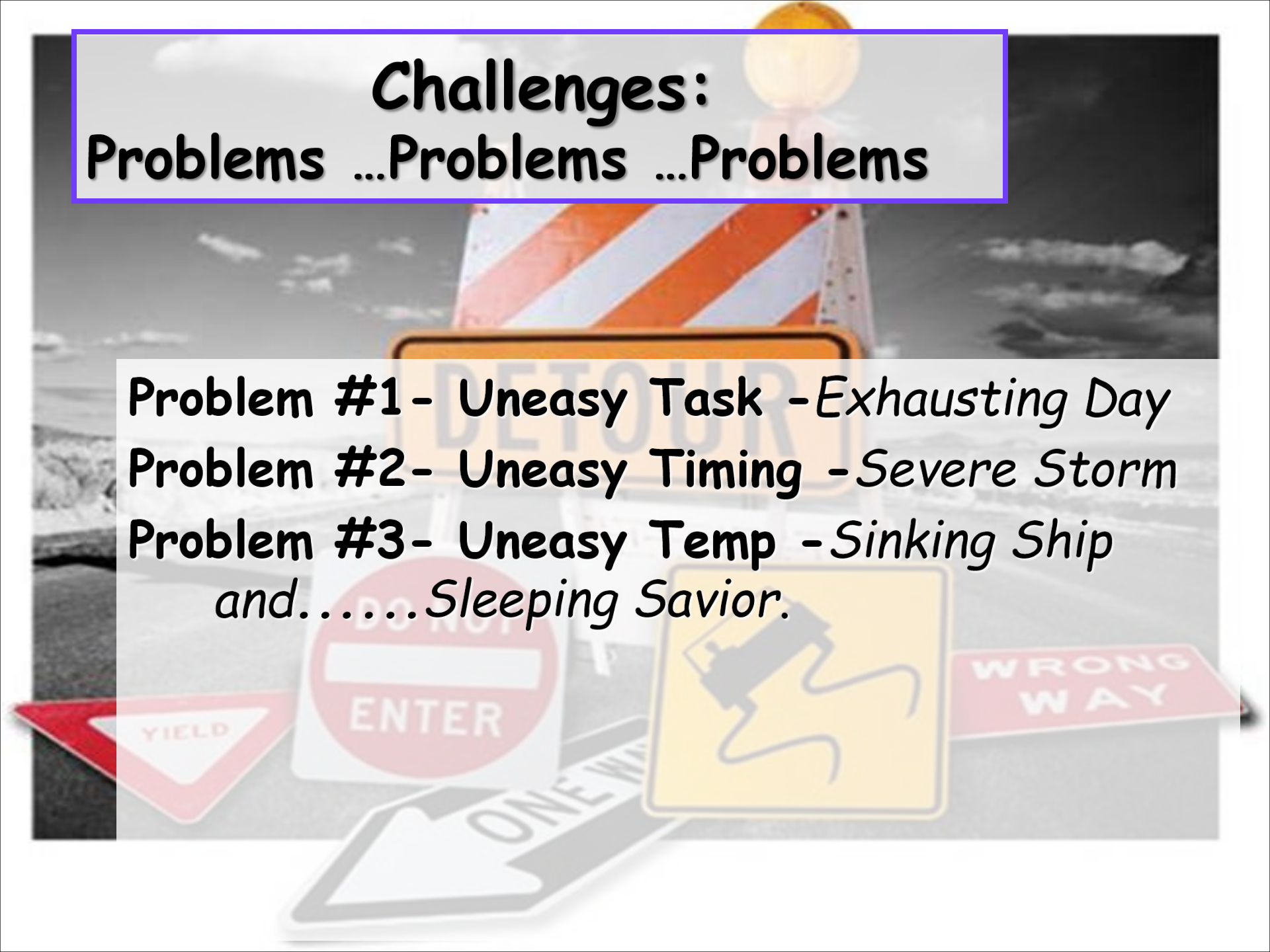


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Remember(23)

- **Jesus Led into this Storm**
- **They Followed Him Right into a Crisis**
- **God's Will isn't Always Smooth Sailing**

WARNING



**CHALLENGES
AHEAD**

**Chance-
Opportunity of Faith**

Faith in God

...Doesn't Make Things Easy

...It Makes Things Possible

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Three Principles on the Life of Faith:

THE FAITH TEST



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- Faith must be Challenged...
...not Pampered
- Faith is not a Life Absent of Conflict...
...but of Conquest in Conflict
- Faith that has not been Tested...
...cannot be Trusted

**JUST
A LITTLE FAITH**





There is a Difference in...

"Little Faith"

and

"Faith as a...

...Grain of Mustard Seed"

Overcome by Surprising Things

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Don't believe me?

Just say "never"

and wait.

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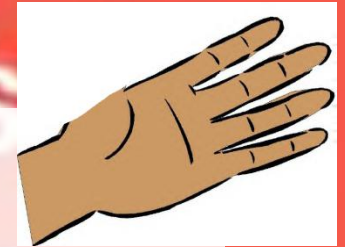
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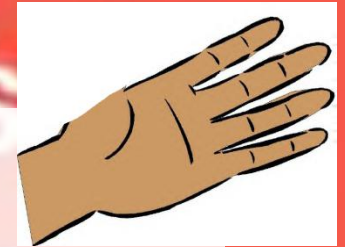
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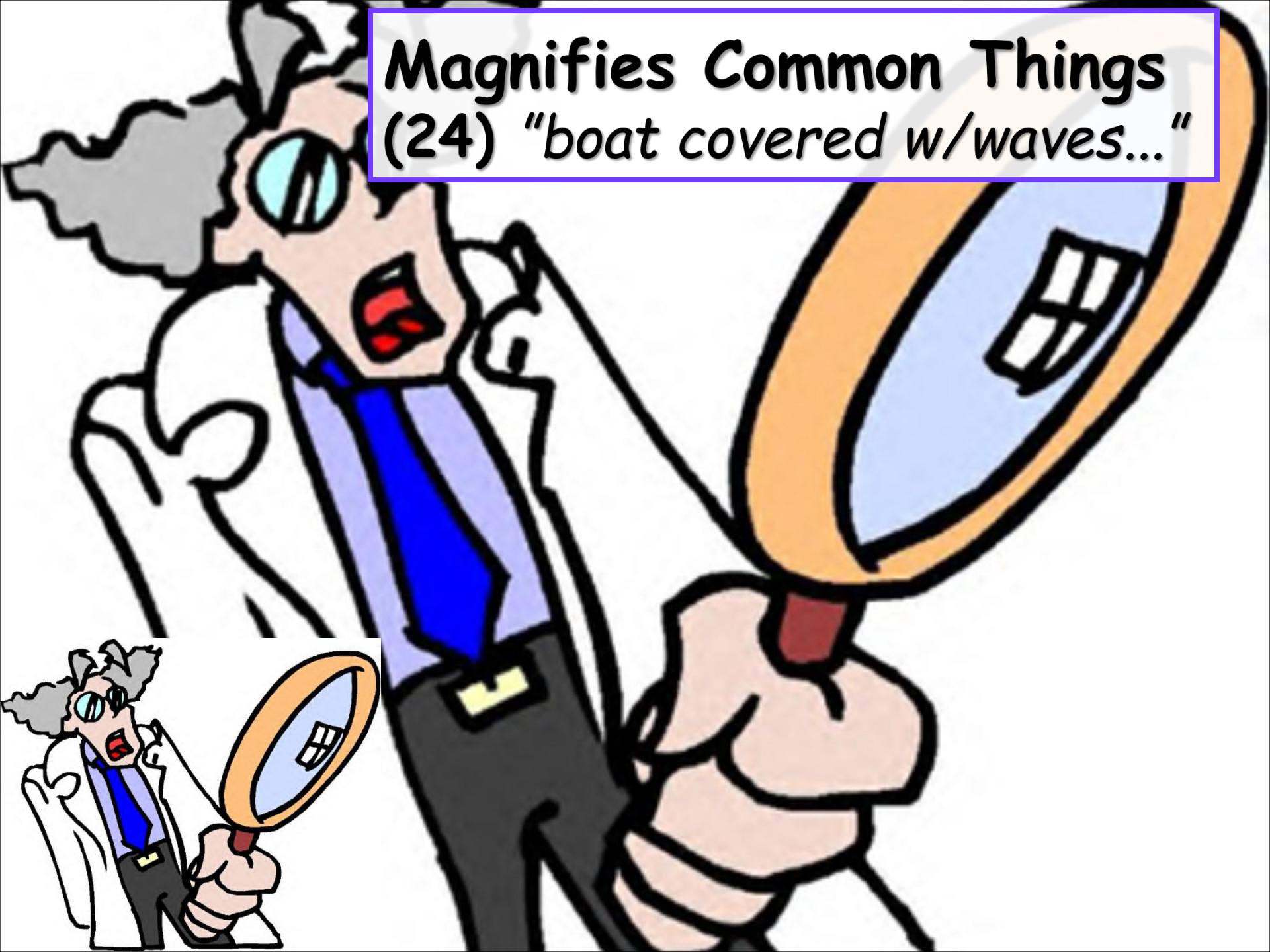
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- Christ needs people with great faith who will not waver during the sudden storms. -Psalm 27:3





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- These fishermen had seen waves many times before...
- Too often we magnify a little sickness/problem until...
...it becomes a *great Problem*



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Be Proactive instead of Reactive!

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save us! We are perishing, saying, "Lord,
26 But He said to them, "Why are
you fearful, O you of little faith?"
Then "He arose and rebuked the
winds and the sea, and there was
great calm.
7 So the men marveled,
Who can this be, saying

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James 1

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- Isaiah 40:31 "they that wait upon the Lord shall mount up..." = Run To

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1 Peter 1:7 "These **TRIALS** will show that your **FAITH IS GENUINE**. It is being **TESTED** as fire **TESTS** and purifies Gold—though your **FAITH** is far more precious than mere Gold. So when your **FAITH** remains strong through many **TRIALS**, it will bring you much **PRAISE** and **GLORY** and **HONOR** on the Day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the Whole World."



GODS

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