

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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# Challenges: Problems ...Problems ...Problems

**Problem #1 - Uneasy Task - Exhausting Day**  
**Problem #2 - Uneasy Timing - Severe Storm**  
**Problem #3 - Uneasy Temp - Sinking Ship**  
*and.....Sleeping Savior.*

**Remember(23)**

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

**Chance-  
Opportunity of Faith**

**Faith in God**

**...Doesn't Make Things Easy**

**...It Makes Things Possible**

**CHALLENGES  
AHEAD**

# Three Principles on the Life of Faith:

- 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

There is a Difference in...

*"Little Faith"*

and

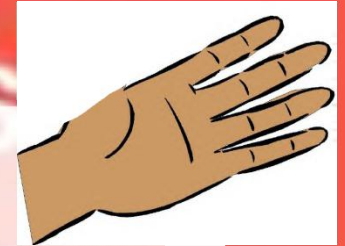
*"Faith as a...*

*...Grain of Mustard Seed"*

# Overcome by Surprising Things

(24) "there arose..."

- Life is Full of Little Surprises
- Ambush is one of the devil's chief weapons. -Judges 1:2-7
- Christ is **NEVER** taken by surprise. -2 Kings 6:8-12
- Christ needs people with great faith who will not waver during the sudden storms. -Psalm 27:3





# Magnifies Common Things

(24) "boat covered w/waves..."

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



o *Make a Mountain Out of a Mole Hill*  
Faith

If you

"...we now perish"

God wants us to Act on His Word vs...  
...React to Circumstances.

Be Proactive instead of Reactive!

Take away the worst...

...Your Attention



**Assumes the Worst Things**  
(25) "we perish..."



# Forfeits the Surest Things

(26) *"why fearful...little faith..."*

- How often we forfeit the "peace of Christ" for the "fear of the storm"
- Fear of the Storm: 1 Samuel 27:7  
*"David dwelt in the country of the Philistines a full year and 4 months"*
- Peace of Christ: 2 Samuel 2:4 *"the men of Judah came...anointed David king over the house of Judah"*

# Forfeits the Surest Things (26) "why fearful...little faith..."

## THE FAITH

We Always Have a Choice

o Psalm 55 "oh that I had wings like a dove...fly away" = Run From

o 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."