

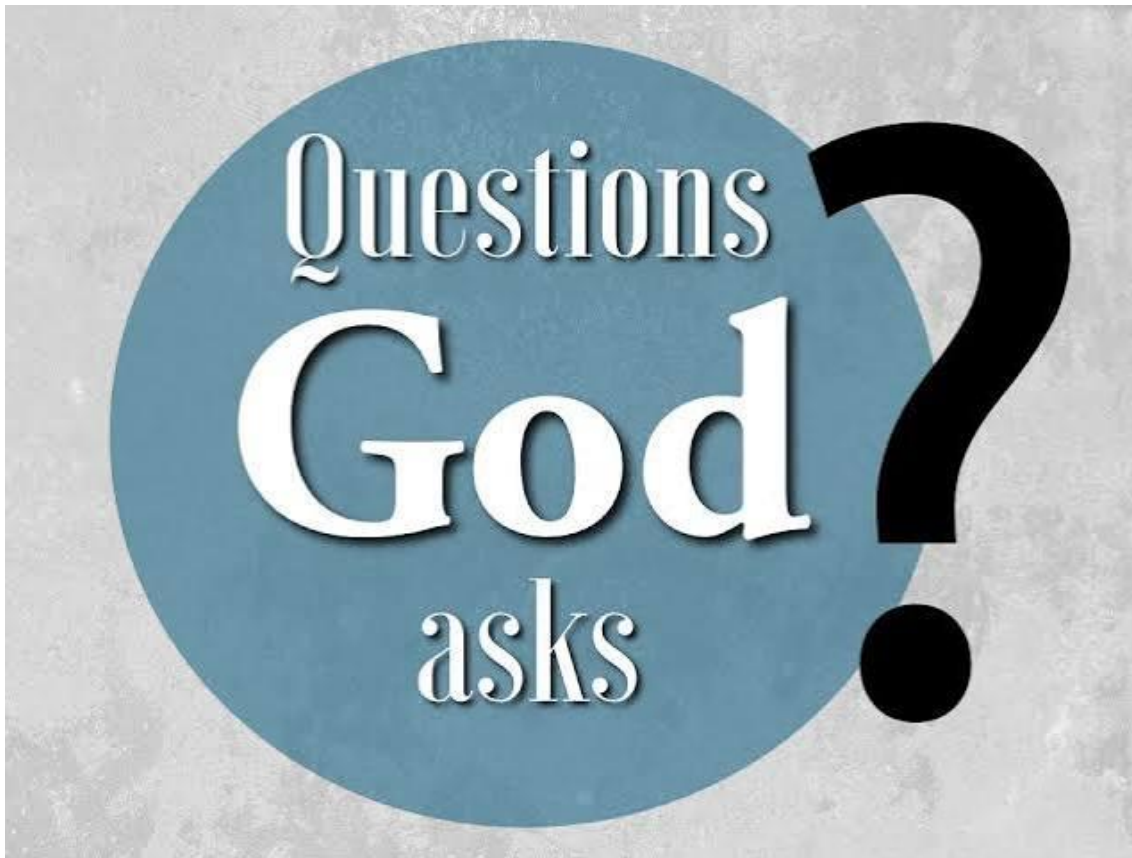


LUKE 8:22-25

WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

What's Your Answer Series
Solid Rock Church
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What's Your Answer Series



Our relationship with God, and our prayer to God, are usually about our questions of God.

Instead, we need to focus our relationship and our prayers on answering God's questions!

What is Faith

Faith: trusting in something or someone when you can't see the full outcome or proof ahead of time.

Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we don't see.

2nd Corinthians 5:7, For we live by faith, not by sight.



Everyday Faith

Driving our cars

Eating meals at restaurants

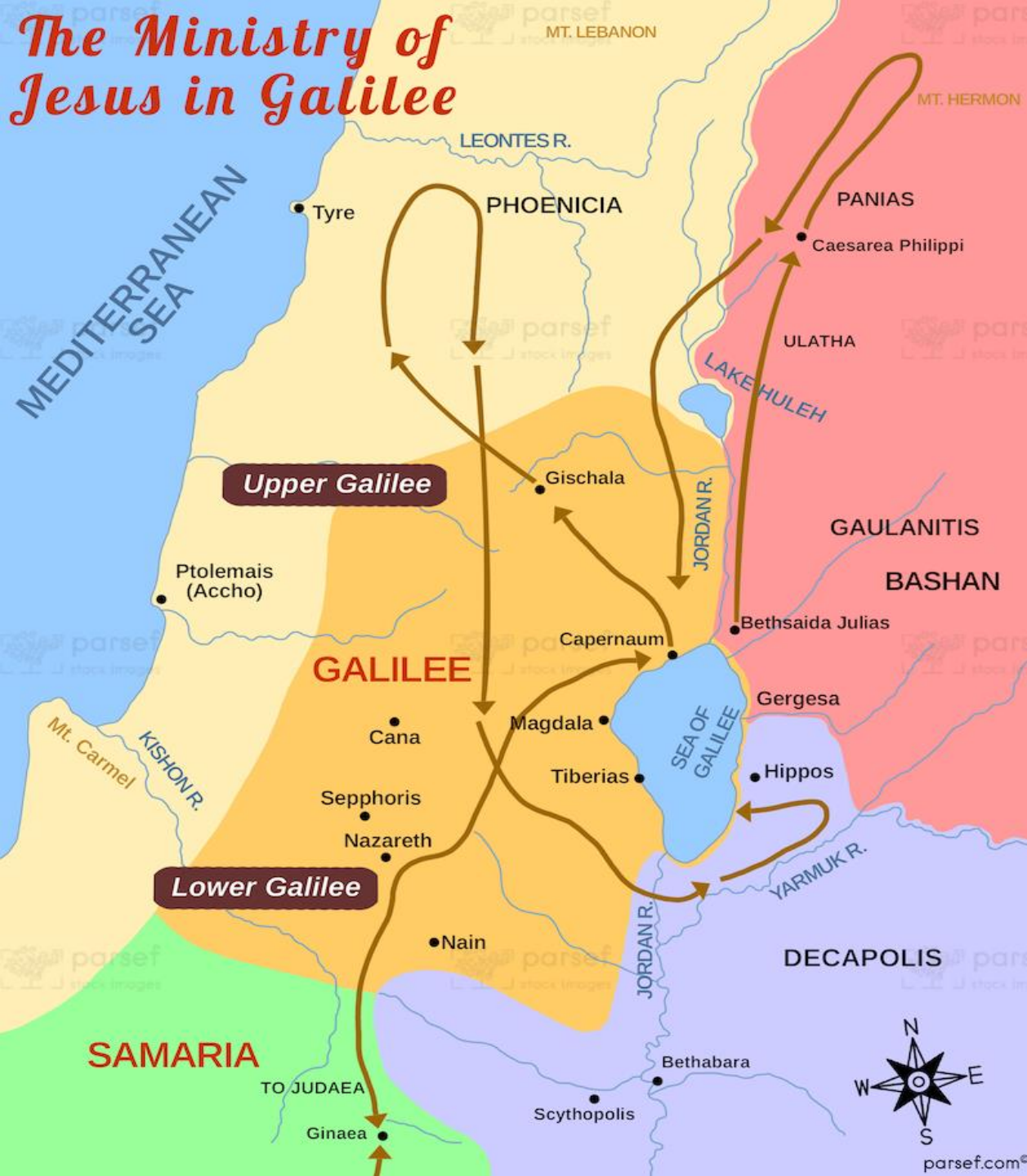
Using our phones / laptops

Our money in banks/investors

Medical procedures

Flying in an airplane

The Ministry of Jesus in Galilee



Luke 8 Context **Where is your Faith?**

Luke written for “most excellent”
Theophilus / Gentile audience.

Luke 8 – 2nd phase of Galilean
ministry of Jesus.

Progressive and Radical

Luke 8: 1 – 15

1 – 3, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and many others who provided for Jesus and the 12.

4 – 15, Some seeds were devoured by birds, some grew in rocks and died, some grew in thorns, and died, some grew in good soil and the plant grew.





Luke 8: 16 – 17

No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under the bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be made known, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to the light.

Luke 8: 19 – 21

Then the mother and brothers of Jesus came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd, And Jesus was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.” But Jesus answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”



JESUS

is

KING



Luke 8: 22 – 56

Power and Authority

22 – 25: over nature / storms

26 – 39: over demonic forces

40 – 49: over incurable disease

50 – 56: over life and death

The Boat

Luke 8: 22 – 23, One evening Jesus got into a **boat** with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let’s go across to the **other side of the lake.**” So, they set out, and as they sailed Jesus fell asleep. (27 x 9 ft)





Other Side of the Lake

Geologically and Geographically, the Sea of Galilee is a Lake.

13 mi long and 8 mi wide, the Sea of Galilee is an inland freshwater body fed and drained by the Jordan River.

Limne in Greek = Lake

The Storm Calmed

Luke 8: 23 – 24, And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke Jesus, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And Jesus awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm.





Sea of Galilee

Storm Basin

680 feet below sea level, water becomes warm.

Surrounded by mountains
3,200 feet above the sea

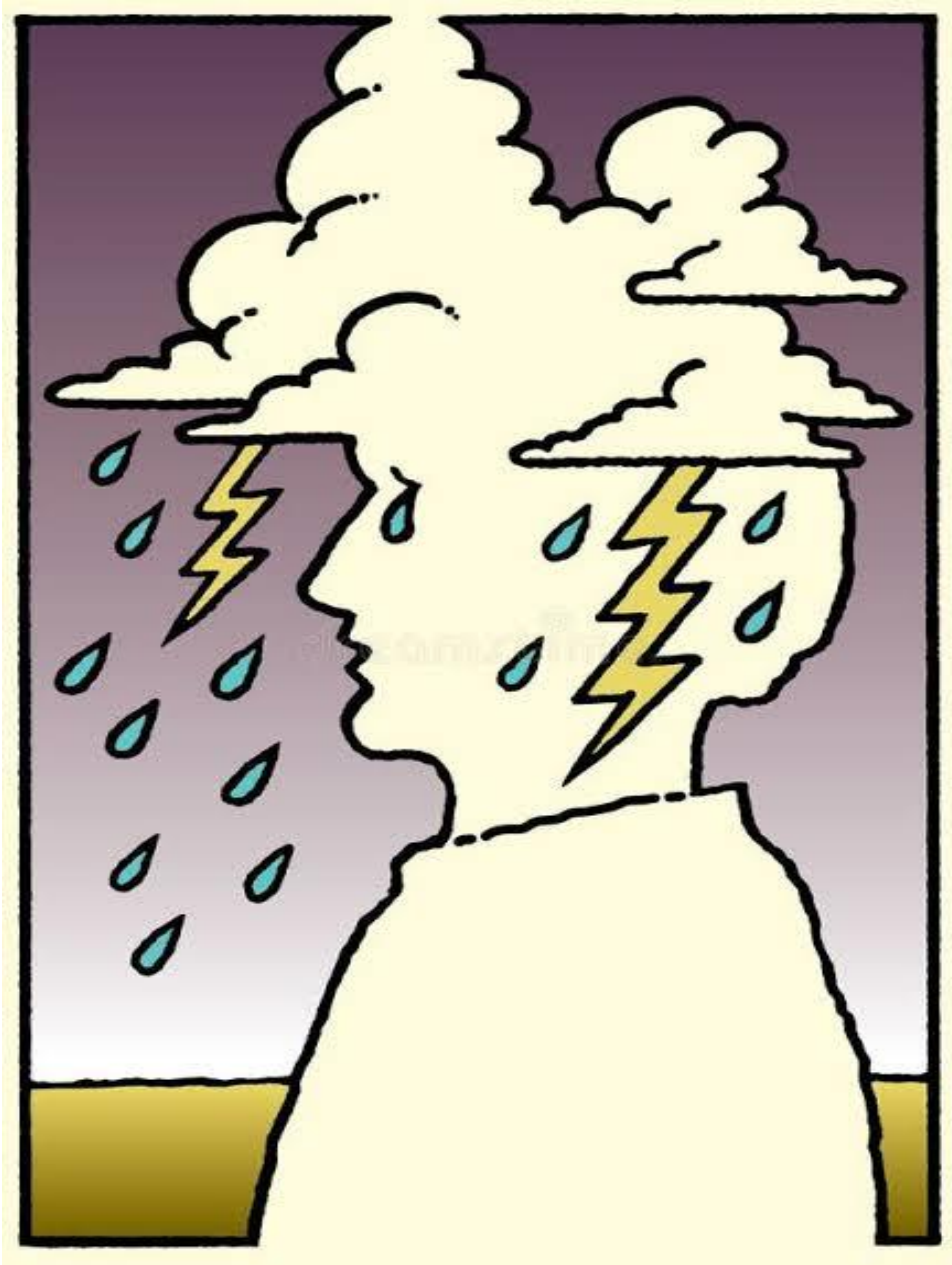
The heavier cold winds rush
down through ravines.

Meteorological Storm Over Sea

Sharkia's: Great Storms!

60–75 mph winds, torrential rains, heavy lightning and thunder, can arrive in 10 minutes!





Metaphorical Storms

Storms depict an issue in life that has reached a crisis with the upheaval of our usual order and routines accompanied by great stress, fear, and dysfunction. They can happen in minutes.

Response to Storms



How do you respond to, and
in storms

What / Whom do you need?

Faith or Fear?

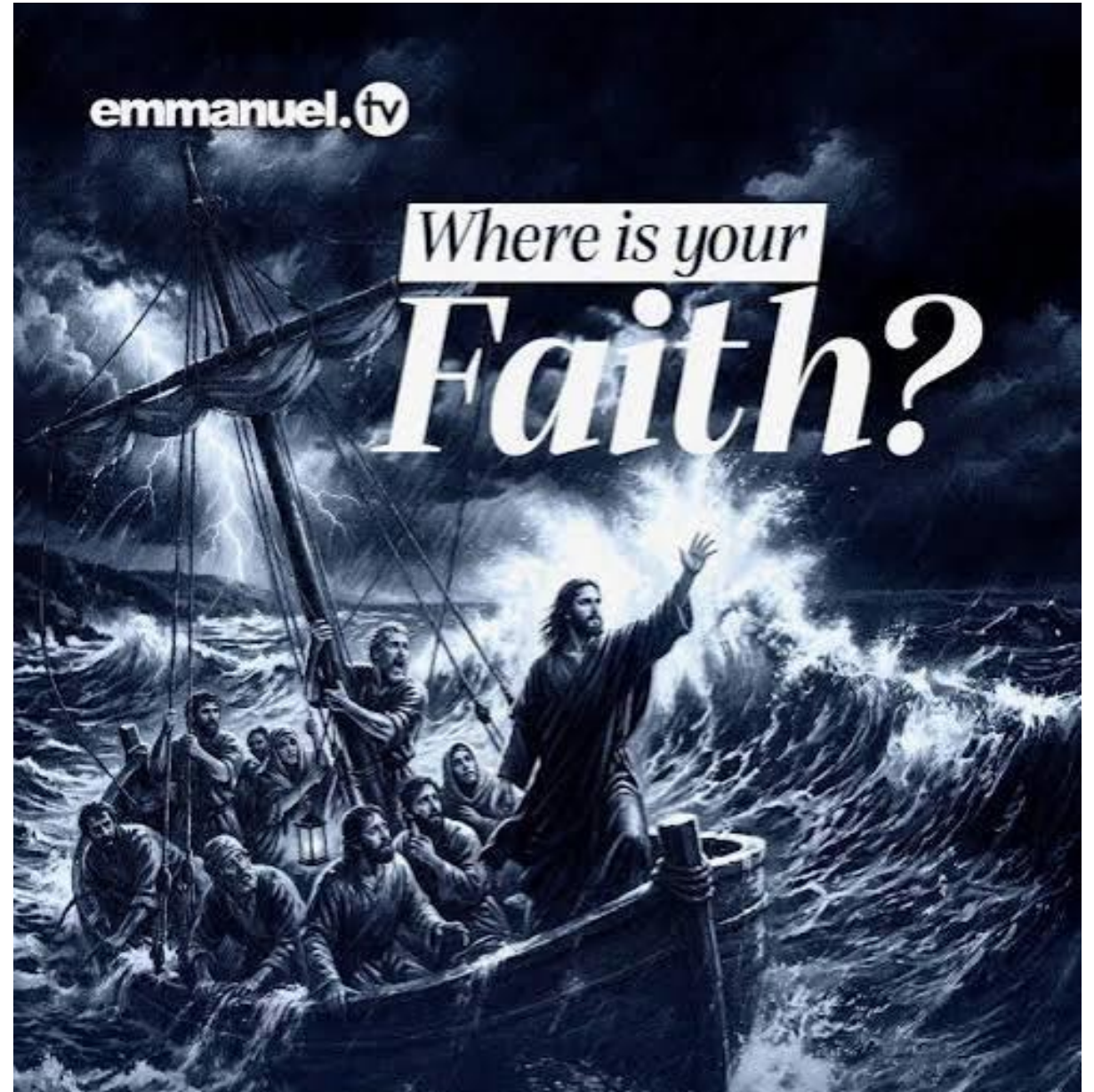
Luke 8: 25

THE GREAT QUESTION

“Where is your faith?”

Notice, Jesus didn't say,

“Don't you have faith?”



Disciples Faith Was In Themselves: Fear



Mark 4: 38, Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?

Matthew 8: 26, Mark 4: 40, Why are you so afraid?

Mark 4: 41, And the disciples were filled with great fear...

Prophetic Psalm of the Storm

Luke 8: 25, And they marveled, saying to one another, “Who is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

600 years earlier...the Psalmist wrote

Psalm 107: 28 - 29, Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. God made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Why Did the Disciples Marvel?

- 4:31–36** Driving out an evil spirit from a man in Capernaum
- 4:38-39** Healing Peter's mother-in-law of a high fever
- 5: 1-11** Miraculous catch of fish – tore nets (at least 150 fish)
- 5: 12-26** Healing man with leprosy and a paralyzed man
- 6: 6-11** Healing a man's withered hand on the Sabbath
- 7: 1-10** Healing a centurion's paralyzed servant in Capernaum
- 7: 11-17** Raising a widow's son from the dead in Nain

Greater Fear When The Need Is Ours

Luke 4 – 7: miracles all about
other people and their needs

Luke 8: the disciple's own need to
have their lives saved



Following Jesus is Invitation into Storms!

Matthew 8: 19

Scribe, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

Jesus, “Son of Man has no where to lay his head.”

Luke 9: 60

Disciple, “Let me bury my father first.”

Jesus, “Follow me, leave the dead to bury the dead.”

Following Jesus is Invitation into Storms!

Mark 10: 17 - 24

Ruler, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus, “Go sell all you have and give it to the poor.”

John 6: 60

Disciple, “This is hard, who can accept this?”

Jesus, “No one can unless it’s granted by the Father.”

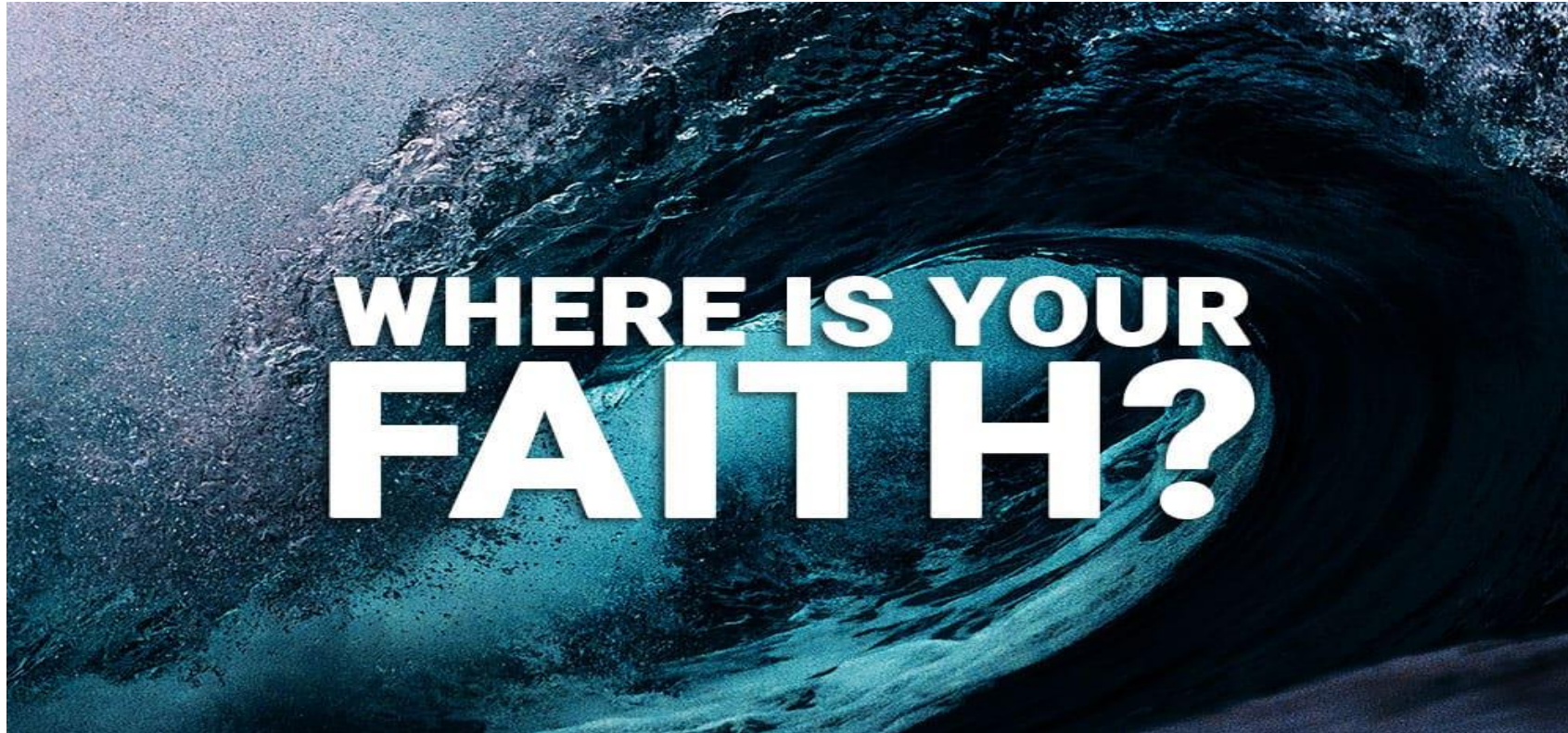
Every storm is a spiritual crisis of faith.....and an opportunity

Will we trust in God and His love? Or something else?

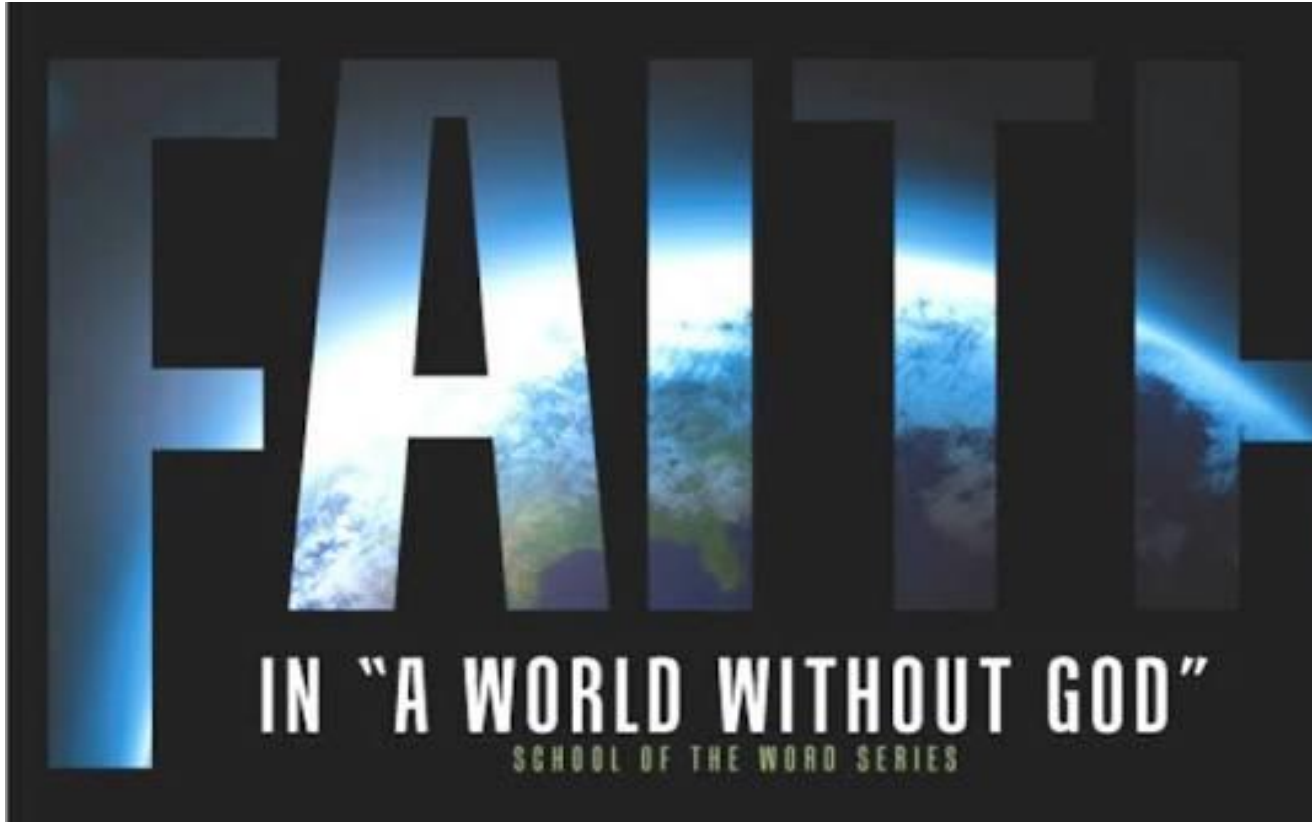
Romans 8: 28, And we know that for all those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.



The Decision in the Storms



Faith in the World?



If we have faith in the world during storms, we will be **stressed, fearful, and panicked.**

We will be bound by our own anxious thoughts and the wisdom of the world.



Have faith, do
not despair.
Trust in
the LORD.

PSALM 27:14 (GNB)

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Or Faith in the Lord?

If we trust the Lord during storms,
we will remain **calm and in peace.**

- * Not feeling/communicating fear
- * Absent of chaotic behavior
- * Free from distress, dysfunction

Faith in God Overcomes The Fear in the World

John 16:33, I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! **I have overcome the world.**

1st John 5:4, For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the **victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.**

Faith is Required

Hebrews 11:6, Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Romans 1:17, For in the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the righteousness of God, revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, **the righteous shall live by faith.**



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WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

1. Accepting God as Real
 2. Believing in God's Love
 3. Surrendering Life to Jesus
 4. Yielding to the Holy Spirit
 5. Trusting in God's Word
 6. Living as Jesus Did
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