

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

When challenges and trials come our way, how and **WHO** we respond to will determine whether our faith is weakened or strengthened.

Mark 4:35-41 (NKJV) ³⁵ On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." ³⁶ Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. ³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "**Peace, be still!**" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ But He said to them, "**Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?**" ⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

Mark 4:40 (NKJV) But He said to them, "**Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?**"

Why were they so afraid when Jesus was right there with them? Why do we fear when Jesus is with us at all times?

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The greatest danger was not the wind or the waves: it was the unbelief in the hearts of the disciples.

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV) . . . For He Himself has said, "***I will never leave you nor forsake you.***"

Philippians 1:6 (NLT) And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

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