

Trusting Jesus in the Storm



Sometimes when we have been struggling with the flesh and can't overcome it, we wonder what's going on. Sometimes we become frustrated with the Lord because we have been calling out to Him, but it seems like He is asleep in the boat! Sometimes we try to force Him to do something to calm our fears. But what if instead of making it about us, we had the patience and faith of the Saints to trust Him, no matter how long or hard it is? That is the true heart of the Bride.

Mark 4:37-38 37And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

Songs 1:12 "While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof."

The King is resting at his table, He is in a place of rest dwelling in us. He is always there, but we don't always sense His presence.

2:6 "His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me. I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please."

That's the heart of the Bride that is different than the Disciples. They needed proof, they needed Him to do something! They began crying out in fear and unbelief because of circumstances in the earth, but the Bride who relates to Him by love always waits on His heart and says "Don't wake Him until He pleases." Her heart is: "This isn't about me. What about Him? I trust Him, if He's asleep than it must be ok. It doesn't mean that He's left me, or that we are separated, I have enough faith to believe in our love and union and don't need Him to prove it!" The Bride trusts in their union above feelings of separateness, or abandonment. She looks above the earth into His heart and trusts Him.

This is what I want to be in my heart. Instead of getting afraid, looking at myself and my lack, just trusting Him, quietly releasing my faith unto Him that we are one and I can do nothing in my own strength, and He can, but if it's not right this second, I'm not going to start freaking out, I'm just going to be with Him in it.

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What a contrast! Disciples are always about themselves. The Bride trusts in love and doesn't consider herself, for she is dead and her life is hidden with Christ in God. When He appears then shall she appear also and that is enough for her! She doesn't have to demand anything to happen, she just hides herself in Him because He is her true treasure. And when He appears she'll be with Him in glory.

Col. 3:3-4 "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

The Bride Heart is always about Him. "We are one, He is in me, and I'm going to hope in that and not what I see in myself. I don't want to put my hand to it, or become bitter and accuse God." The heart of the Bride waits patiently thru the Spirit for HIM to manifest, and rest in Him until then. *Galatians 1:1-11*

Galatians 5:5-7 "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."

*Hebrews 11:1 "Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*

We through the Spirit wait for this righteousness by faith, by trusting His heart even above what we see happening with our own eyes. It is the substance of what is unseen. The Galatians got nervous and started doing things in their flesh. They looked at the storm and not at Jesus. They decided they better start keeping the Law and be circumcised. Are we giving up in areas and just doing what we think is right? Or are we cleaving to Him while the storm is going and refusing to give into our own fear and concern? Abraham produced Ishmael by that, and that is how Saul lost his throne. He grew fearful and impatient and started offering up the flesh. 1 Samuel 13. He needed God to deliver him, but he cared nothing about God's heart or ways, he was just trying to be relieved of the current battle.

This account of Saul is so different than Moses (Exodus 33) who refused to leave the wilderness unless the Lord went with Him. He would wait on the Lord as long as possible, because he had been cultivating the heart of the Bride, he didn't care about his own deliverance, he only cared for the Lord. He would never put his hand to it, he had learned his lesson. Imagine what that means – he was living off of manna with a bunch of complaining, fleshpots in the hot, miserable wilderness! But he didn't care about getting "deliverance", he didn't care about entering into the promised land, all he really cared about was being with the Lord. He had been communing with him in the tabernacle, and that communion had filled his every need. All he cared was being with the Lord, no matter what season he was in, in the earth. For he was not dwelling in the earth realm any longer!!! That is so precious, too many times we wake Jesus up or start working in our flesh to make something happen in the storm, because we're wanting to be delivered from the circumstance, instead of just wanting to be with Him, no matter what that means. And if we're with Him and nothing on the outward changes, then who cares!!

Psalm 130:5-7 "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption."

We want to trust you Lord, above what we see in this earth, above our feelings, or the circumstances. If you are not rising up, then give us the grace to hide ourselves in your side and

to wait patiently thru the Spirit for the hope of righteousness by faith!! And to simply be with you, your joy is our strength, and in knowing you are we complete.