

SERMON DATE: June 20, 2021

SERMON SERIES: Peace Be Still

SERMON TITLE: No Faith, No Peace

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Mark 4:35-41

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THE CENTRAL TRUTH OF TODAY’S MESSAGE

The more we know God, the more we can trust Him and the greater the inner peace we experience amid the storms of life. *The message in a nutshell: Faith must be tested before it can be trusted.*

Key Point

There were two questions asked in the boat that day. Jesus asked the disciples, “Do you still have no faith?”

The disciples asked rhetorically, “Who is this that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

Neither question was answered.

Observation #1: The disciples failed the hearing test.

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Lesson #1

When your hearing fails, your faith will also fail.

Observation #2: The disciples failed the humility test.

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Lesson #2

When your humility fails, your faith will eventually fail.

Observation #3: The disciples failed the heart test.

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Lesson #3

When your hearing fails, and your humility fails, and your heart fails, your faith will also fail.