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The Miracles of Mark 4 and 5!

Lesson Text: Mark 4:30-5:43

Focus Verses: Mark 5:18-20 - ¹⁸And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. ¹⁹Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. ²⁰And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

Truth About Covenant: Jesus has authority over anything that comes against us.

Covenant Context: In Mark 4-5, Jesus demonstrated complete authority over the foes we face; nature, the devil, disease, and even death. God was suspending natural laws, and even His own Law He gave to Moses, to work miracles to show that the man Christ Jesus is Almighty God in flesh and the kingdom of God was finally here.

Faith is Heaven's push when we feel overwhelmed, buried, or on the brink of spiritual and emotional exhaustion. Faith fixes our focus on Heaven's horizon so we can see Jesus Christ. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His Word never changes. The miracles Jesus worked in Mark chapter 4 and 5 testify of a greater force at work in our lives than the other forces we face. For those unwilling to plunge into the depths of despair, faith offers hope, healing, and a promise—a promise that God has made in covenant with those He loves.

Although faith is free, it never comes cheap. The world will find ways to ridicule what they do not understand, but God calls us to believe. We must resolve in our hearts to put our complete trust in Jesus. From the beginning of Mark 4, Jesus taught His followers to have faith, and by the end of Mark 5, they saw Jesus calm the storm (Mark 4:36-39), cast out devils (Mark 5:2-8), heal a twelve-year-long disease (Mark 5:25-34), and raise a twelve-year old girl from the dead (Mark 5:35-42). He was showing them that He has complete control over nature, the devil, sickness, and even death. They could have faith in Jesus—we can have faith in Jesus for nothing is impossible.

We often judge things based on appearance, but God calls us to have faith in what He can do when we ask Him. Faith is the realization that God is able to create something from nothing and urges us to trust in His limitless possibilities. Second, Jesus told His disciples that the mustard seed, though the smallest of all seeds, grows into a large plant where birds can nest (Mark 4:31-32). This point highlights that a seed in hand is of limited value, but when sown in the ground, its potential is realized. **Faith must be planted in our hearts to reach its full potential.**

Storms often come when we least expect them: layoffs, sudden illness, financial challenges, or even natural disasters can shake our world on any given day. Such moments can provoke questions like, **"Why am I going through this?"** and **"When will this be over?"** In these moments, fear can creep in, causing us to question whether God is with us in our struggles. Yet we must remember Jesus is with us, and as He demonstrated that night on the sea, He holds dominion over nature and He cares deeply for our challenges. **Too often we view Jesus' love through the lens of our circumstances rather than seeing our circumstances through the lens of His love.** We must choose to have faith and lean on Jesus during life's storms. Living in fear hampers our prayers, while faith empowers them.

Although Jesus' disciples and the people most affected by their struggles thought that was the way life (and death) would always be, Jesus demonstrated complete control and calm over every foe we face: nature, the devil, sickness, and death. Two thousand years later, we are still telling each of these stories for the glory of God. We are in awe, in wonder, at what Jesus is able to do, but to look at Him in Mark 4-5, it was just another day for the one we all call Christ.